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SPECIAL EDITION

Announcing Leadership Ames Class XXIX

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Fall marks the beginning of the 29th year of Leadership Ames, the Chamber program that develops leaders by introducing them to operations and opportunities throughout Ames.

This year's Program Co-Chairs, Sarah Swanson (Great Western Bank) and Andy Bates (The Weitz Company) will help facilitate the class. The Leadership Ames Selection Committee was pleased to receive a large pool of applications for the 2015-2016 program making the selection process very competitive. We congratulate all the selected candidates and are pleased to introduce this year's class, presented by corporate sponsor Mary Greeley Medical Center:

Art Baumgartner, Haila Architecture | Structure | Planning
Chris Betts, Gateway Insurance Services
Allen Bierbaum, Priority 5
Kelsey Bolte-Carper, REMAX Real Estate Center
Cassandra Clyde, Individual Member
Katie DeVore, Renewable Energy Group
David Haila, Workiva
Jenna Heilman, Iowa State University
Sara Hunter, Vermeer Corporation
Bradley Jensen, Real Estate Services Group, Inc.
James Kain, Marrs Wealth Management
Kurt Matthewson, VisionBank
Jason Mortvedt, Mary Greeley Medical Center
Kristine Perkins, Carrie Champman Catt Center for Women & Politics
Brian Phillips, City of Ames
Merry Rankin, Iowa State University
Amber Vaughn-Schaefer, Mainstream Living
Brian Schwartze, Kinzler Construction Services
Casie Vance, Ames Historical Society
Diana Wright, ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship

The kick-off session was held on Sept. 11. The majority of the first class will be dedicated to personal leadership development, and will be facilitated by Donna Gilligan, The Gilligan Group. In October, the class will be learning more about Ames area non-profit organizations and community schools. Stay tuned for more great news throughout the 2015-2016 year from Leadership Ames XXIX.

The Leadership Ames program is designed to develop informed, involved and concerned community leaders in the Ames area.

Meet the Graduates of Leadership Ames XXVIII

JESSICA D. SPODEN

City of Ames

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Story Count Bar Association, Iowa Bar Association, Co-chair of United Way Campaign, and Employee Council.

My favorite thing about Ames:
The people...and getting to cheer on the Cyclones to victory.

My definition of leadership is:
I saw this quote somewhere about leadership and it always stuck with me: "The challenge of leadership is to be strong but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

SEANA PERKINS

City of Ames/Inspection Division

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Website editor for the American Planning Association, Iowa Chapter.

My favorite thing about Ames:
All of the opportunities that it has to offer. Ames has educational, cultural, entertainment, and career opportunities that exceed what cities, double our size, have to offer.

My definition of leadership is:
Provide the guidance and direction to achieve an end result. I believe that leadership also includes the ability to align tasks with talent found within the team and providing the appropriate support to that team whether it is coaching and mentoring, supervision, or something else.

DONALD L. RAHN

First National Bank

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Ames Noon Rotary, St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

My favorite thing about Ames:
How well Iowa State University and the City of Ames work collaboratively together to balance the needs of the University and city. I think Ames offers great entertainment and cultural experiences.

My definition of leadership is:
Helping any organization that you are involved with (business, charitable, or church) progress forwards in a positive way and being an instrumental part of that organization.

DAVID TUCKER

Great Western Bank

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Head Usher, Usher Coordinator, Liturgy Team at St. Cecilia's, Chamber, Ames High Boosters

My favorite thing about Ames:
A college community with many small town characteristics. I love the large number of parks and recreation opportunities Ames has to offer.

My definition of leadership is:
Inspiring a shared vision, setting goals, encouraging, challenging, and empowering others to accomplish the goal.

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TROY STROTHER

VisionBank of Iowa

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Past member of Kiwanis, Story County Empowerment Board, Cyclone Club Board, Church Finance Committee, and various Chamber activities.

My favorite thing about Ames:
The many opportunities Ames provides to families/kids/adults from cultural, entertainment, scholastic, and educational. The University provides many opportunities for personal and business growth.

My definition of leadership is:
The ability to guide or impact others through example, direction, teaching, discipline, motivation, or instruction and the ability to know when to use which power.

HEIDI THOMPSON

Mary Greeley Medical Center

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
IRPE, in the community Altrusa International of Ames, Co-Chairperson Communications Committee, member of Des Moines University Health Leaders.

My favorite thing about Ames:
I enjoy the variety of the community. It provides larger city opportunities such as performances at CY Stephens, local celebrations and small-town neighborhood connections.

My definition of leadership is:
Engaging others to establish a vision and strategy. To collaborate on implementing the vision and strategy, assisting with resources needed and support (modeling, physical, or motivational). Evaluating and communicating opportunities for further growth and celebrating successes.

RON R. EDWARDS

City of Ames Police Department - Animal Shelter & Animal Control

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators, Iowa Federation of Humane Societies.

My favorite thing about Ames:
What I like most about Ames is what I have found throughout the state. The people of Iowa are the most kind, caring, compassionate people that I have ever met in my life. Everyone has been so warm and welcoming since I moved here from California.

My definition of leadership is:
Inspiring others to reach the goals and outcomes of the agency or project. A leader starts the team on a path to success, guiding them along the journey until the goals are achieved or exceeded.

KAT KILBANE

Green Hills Retirement Community

My favorite thing about Ames:
All the awesome people!

My definition of leadership is:
Lead with passion and follow your heart.

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ANTHONY D. JONES

Ames Community Schools

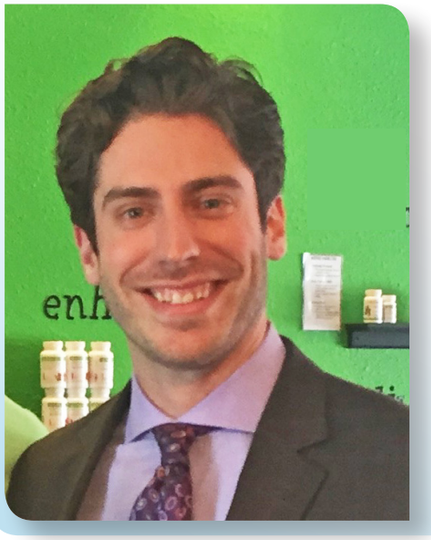
Organizations/Groups/Committees:
School Administrators of Iowa.

My favorite thing about Ames:
It's quiet and I get the opportunity to meet people from all over the world because of the access to ISU.

My definition of leadership is:
To serve from the heart.

JUSTIN MOORMAN

Moorman Clothiers



Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Young Professionals of Ames

My favorite thing about Ames:
The college town atmosphere with a small town feel. Great people and great restaurants.

My definition of leadership is:
Leadership is the ability to motivate and inspire a group of individuals to work as one towards bettering a community.

KYLE BRIESE

Mary Greeley Medical Center

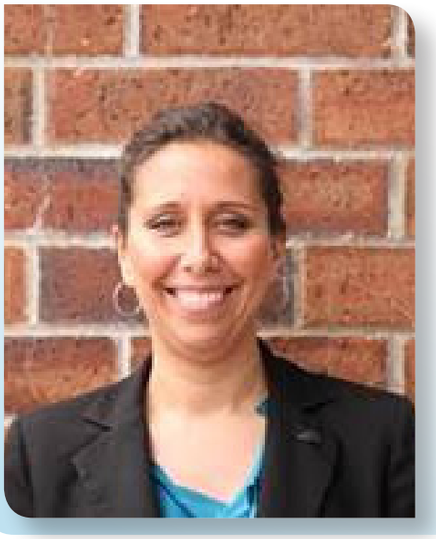
Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Ames Public Library Board, Iowa Recognition for Performance Excellence, Healthcare Financial Management Association, Upward Seats.

My favorite thing about Ames:
Hard to pick one. Diversity and opportunity available in a town this size.

My definition of leadership is:
Leadership is mainly concerned with adapting to change.

ERIKA PETERSON

Boys & Girls Club of Story County



Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Ames Noon Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, judge Story County Theatrical Troupe (President, Story City)

My favorite thing about Ames:
The resources available to the community even though we are under 100,000 people.

My definition of leadership is:
Someone who leads by example, doing the right thing even though no one is looking, and seeks the best interest of those he/she serves

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MATTHEW NELSON

Nelson Electric Company

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
I am a member of Young Professionals of Ames.

My favorite thing about Ames:
Ames has the amenities of a city much, much larger in size, but with bearable traffic and extremely nice people.

My definition of leadership is:
One who is visionary yet realistic,
strong but not forceful,
proud but not arrogant,
humble but not weak,
and leads everyone by example in reaching the goal.

NANCY GEBHART

University Museums, Iowa State University

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Member of University Museums, Reiman Gardens, Story County Conservation, and Ames Community Arts Council.
Volunteer for Octagon Art Festival and Story County Democrats

My favorite thing about Ames:
The people. I have met some really incredible people in Ames who have become great friends and trusted colleagues.

My definition of leadership is:
Empowering others to be their best.

ANGIE WEEKS

Iowa State Center

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Professionally I am invoved with the Iowa Society of Association Executibes (ISAE) & Meeting Planners International (MPI). Personally I am involved with the Huzley HERO local organization in my community.

My favorite thing about Ames:
Ames is a close "small town" community with "big city" offerings.

My definition of leadership is:
Taking a valued interest in those you are leading to become better employees and better people.

ANGELA STROTMAN

Danfoss

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
United Way, Edwards Elementary PTO

My favorite thing about Ames:
ISU and all it offers for my family

My definition of leadership is:
Someone who listens and empowers others.

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NICHOLAS HOFFMAN

Renewable Energy Group, Inc.

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Iowa Society of CPA's.

My favorite thing about Ames:
It isn't too big and it isn't too small. It is hte perfect size with a lot of offer.

My definition of leadership is:
Leadership is inspiring others to come together and work to the best of their abilities and to achieve a common goal.

ANDY BATES

The Weitz Company

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Through The Weitz Company I have participated in charities such as United Way and JDRF. I also participate in the following construction industry associations; Master Builders of Iowa (MBI), American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), and American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE).

My favorite thing about Ames:
We enjoy the entertainment and amenities that Iowa State University brings to the Ames community. The City of Ames and Iowa State do a great job of working together to provide for a fun and active community.

My definition of leadership is:
My thoughts on Leadership are fairly simple. Leadership is the ability to pull together a group of people to achieve a common goal. Leaders have the ability to make the most of their ability and other's abilities to reach this goal.

SARAH SWANSON CLASS CO-CHAIR

Great Western Bank

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
United Way of Story County as a committee member for their annual Day of Caring, St. Cecilia Church, The Ames Chamber of Commerce, served three years on the professional development committee for The Chamber of Commerce group Young Professionals of Ames, Habitat For Humanity, and Ames blood drives.

My favorite thing about Ames:
Coming from a smaller community I truly enjoy partaking in all the cultural events Ames has to offer. Whether we are attending ISU sporting events, a concert or a theatrical performance Ames has it all!

My definition of leadership is:
To me leadership is the ability to be able to make a vision into reality, to be able to empower others, to lead by example, and to be even and consistent.

JOSH SHIELDS CLASS CO-CHAIR

Bolton & Menk

Organizations/Groups/Committees:
Common THREAD, Iowa Chapter of the ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects)

My favorite thing about Ames:
Ames has an abundance of recreational opportunities and access to wide variety of landscape types; from Ada Hayden, Petersen Pits, McFarland Park, Ledges, Doolittle Prairie, and the Skunk River Greenbelt. And most importantly, I can generally get to either of these within a short bike or car ride. Even better is that I'm constantly finding new areas in the community to frequent.

My definition of leadership is:
Providing direction to others; vocally, through actions, or through written communication. Being a mentor.

Leadership Ames XXVIII Community Projects

The Ames Chamber of Commerce Leadership Ames Class XXVIII focused on four community projects this past year. This year's community projects included:

TEAM AMAZING: Kyle Briese (Mary Greeley Medical Center), Ron Edwards (City of Ames), Kat Kilbane (Green Hills Retirement Community), Troy Strother (VisionBank), Angie Weeks (Iowa State Center)

Team Amazing has joined forces with Mainstream Living/ACE and organized a Dodgeball Tournament with proceeds going towards the completion of their new outdoor accessibility project.

Mainstream Living received a grant last year to complete an outdoor accessibility project at their Mainstream Living Employment and Learning Center Building. This is a large project - approximately $90,000 and involves reconstructing the entire outdoor area surrounding the building to make it safer, more handicapped accessible, more efficient for transportation, as well as to offer a more quality space. Currently, the building is surrounded by uneven gravel and cement and the consumers really cannot use the space for any activities. While most of the funds for the main project have been secured there is still a need for a garden or outdoor activity area.

TEAM AWESOME: Nancy Gebhart (University Museums), Matthew Nelson (Nelson Electric), Erika Peterson (Boys & Girls Club of Story County), David Tucker (Great Western Bank)

Team Awesome worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Story County to transform their recreational room area into a more program friendly space. The project team planned to erect a new dividing wall, create a new cubby area, and install sound tiles on the metal ceiling.

TEAM FABULOUS: Andy Bates (The Weitz Company), Anthony Jones (Ames Community School District), Don Rahn (First National Bank), Jessica Spoden (City of Ames), Heidi Thompson (Mary Greeley Medical Center)

The project team of Team Fabulous hosted a Poverty Simulation at Cornerstone Church on April 9 to explore childhood poverty and homeless in Ames.

- 200 school-aged children are homeless (families doubling up, living in shelters, or with inappropriate housing, i.e. without heat and water)
- 19-44% of each school's population meet federal poverty level guidelines

The simulation explored situations that contribute to Poverty and Homelessness and the impact on children and families. It explored community resources and challenges in obtaining services. It fostered brainstorming to identify future strategies to resolve these issues and assist families who are striving to be self-sufficient.

TEAM FANTASTIC: Nick Hoffman (Renewable Energy Group), Justin Moorman (Moorman Clothiers), Seana Perkins (City of Ames), Angela Strotman (Danfoss)

Team Fantastic is working with Ames Community School District's Child Development Resource Bench Program.

This program, otherwise known as the "Buddy Bench" program, fosters leadership in students who have been able to step up and recognize and assist with peer needs. The team has been working with Edwards Elementary School to determine if this type of program would be beneficial to their curriculum. After discussing with the principal and the student/family counselor, Team Fantastic worked to implement the bench program catered specifically to the needs of Edwards Elementary School.

Catching up with the CyclONE City Tri-Chairs

A Q&A Session with Makenzie Heddens (Iowa State University), Mike Mullen (Converse Conditioned Air), and Nathan Buss (VisionBank) on lessons learned, leadership, and what it takes to put 30 life size statues of Iowa State University's and the Ames community's favorite mascot out on the town.

1. Why did being a Tri-Chair to this service project interest you?

Heddens: I wanted to be more involved as a community member, and this was a perfect project for that. I also felt with my connection to the university, I would have knowledge of some key players and resources that could help us carry out CyclONE City. We actually asked the class to vote on the tri-chairs. Everyone who was interested put their name out there, and then we voted for three.

Mullen: I felt the project was an opportunity to make a large impact in our community. Traditionally, the volunteer projects for Leadership Ames are smaller in scope to accommodate the fact that they are performed by 3 or 4 person teams and need to start and finish in a matter of a few months. With Cyclone City we were able to engage the entire class of 16 people for nearly a year and a half. This enabled us to have more Cy's with different designs at different locations as well as more proceeds for the charities.

Buss: I felt that is what Leadership Ames class is all about, learning to be a better leader, and being engaged in the process, so I looked at it as an opportunity to further my leadership skills on a project that I was passionate about as a win-win!

2. What was your favorite part of being a Tri-Chair?

Heddens: My favorite part about being a Tri-Chair of CyclONE City was being able to interact with so many people across the community, including the mayor, City Council, officials at Iowa State, directors of the charities, owners of businesses, artists, and the media.

Mullen: I enjoyed meeting and interacting with different members and groups of the community. This included various officials at ISU, City of Ames, Public Art Community, Businesses and Artists.

Buss: It was definitely the people. Leadership Ames 27 was a diverse group of respected people in our community. It was great to work beside them and learn from them. Everyone brought different strengths and styles to the table.

CyclONE City tri-chairs Nathan Buss, Makenzie Heddens and Mike Mullen with the "See Yourself in Ames" Cy statue on Main Street. Ames Chamber of Commerce photo.

3. What were some unexpected obstacles you faced throughout the service project?

Heddens: There were definitely some challenges with the project. Getting the project off the ground was quite a bit more difficult than we anticipated. It was challenging to identify potential sponsors and then try to explain what we were doing without an example of a statue to show them. We really pulled on people's imagination and referenced similar projects that had been done in that past. The legal side of CyclONE City was also trying. There's a lot more work than I ever knew that takes place behind the scenes on things such as trademark licensing and contracts.

Mullen: Educating businesses and sponsors on the project was important. This project had never been done in our community. We needed people behind the idea before they would commit money or resources.

Buss: The largest obstacle that I faced was trying to get everyone on the same page. When you are working with multiple organizations and you have to all be on the same page while sticking to your timeline before you can take the next step that can be and was a challenge.

4. What did you learn through the service project that surprised you about our community?

Heddens: First and foremost, I was pleasantly surprised by how much money the community raised for the charities. Second, I really had no idea how much artistic talent we had in Ames. You think of the bigger cities like Chicago that put on similar projects and wonder where we're going to find artists to do this sort of thing, but they came out of the woodwork! Lastly, and this really shouldn't come as a surprise, but I was impressed by all of the support and positive feedback we received about the project.

Mullen: The generosity of the community as a whole. There were several businesses as well as individuals who donated time and resources that allowed a greater proportion of funds to go to the charities and not to equipment rental or manpower.

Buss: I did not realize the extent of need in Ames. You know there are organizations who support those in need, but through Leadership Ames I was able to hear from speakers who enlightened our class that the needs often out weight their means. So we were very excited to have a project that raised money to give back.

5. Who or What was the inspiration behind the project, and how did you and your class take the original idea and transform it into your own?

Heddens: Well the project has been done before in many cities: Chicago with the cows, Minneapolis with the Peanut characters, etc. But this idea to do it in Ames came from Jeff Johnson (President of the ISU Alumni Association), Carole Custer (Director of ISU Marketing), and Dan Culhane (President of the Ames Chamber of Commerce). It was something that had been talked about for quite some time, but they hadn't come across a group of people that might be willing to take on a project of this magnitude. During one of our class sessions, Dan presented it to our class. It was something we thought long and hard about and had many discussions. Ultimately, we decided to run with it. The ISU Alumni Center already had a statue of Cy, so we thought that design would be the best route to go instead of starting from scratch.

Mullen: The opportunity was presented to us on education day of Leadership Ames by the Chamber President Dan Culhane. That session was in mid-October and over the next month the class weighed the pros and cons. Ultimately, it was decided that the positive impact it would have for the community was great enough to outweigh any of the obstacles we could foresee.

Buss: The project was brought to us by Dan Culhane after seeing the success of similar projects in other communities. He planted the seed of this unique idea that had yet to be done in Ames to our class during one of our sessions and helped mentor us along the way with Crystal Davis, Miles Lackey, Warren Madden, Jeff Johnson, Carole Custer and the City of Ames Public

Art Commission. Our class then voted to take it on while combining an effort within the project to give back to the community we all love.

6. How did you decide where the money would be donated?

Heddens: The class attended non-profit day where we visited valuable organizations within our community that provide resources to individuals with disabilities, the homeless, at-risk youth, etc. We were all feeling very inspired that day and thought we should donate money from our project to some of these groups. Keeping with our self-governing ways, we created a doodle poll with probably 15 or so organizations and asked the class to select three of which we would donate to. Ultimately, the three that had the most votes were Mainstream Living, Youth & Shelter Services, and the Emergency Residence Project. In addition, we decided to create an endowment at Iowa State University to serve Ames/Story County residents with disabilities as defined by the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Mullen: One of the LA sessions is Non-Profit day. On this day we got to visit various groups and organizations that provide a large variety of services in the community. Different members of the class gave testimonials for some of the various groups they felt passionate about. Once we had thoroughly examined our options we voted for the top three that ended up being the recipients.

Buss: As a class we voted on the charities that we wanted to donate the money to. Early on in the Leadership Ames 27 class we heard from and visited different organizations. Some of them really pulled on your heart strings. Those were the ones that came to the front when it was time to vote.

7. If you were to do the project over, what would you do differently?

Heddens: If I were to do the project all over again, I would start a year earlier! (Laughs) We were lucky that we already had a design for our statue – that sped up the process tremendously – but we were extremely pressed for time throughout the entire process. We started in October of 2013 and launched the project in August of 2014. Ten months may seem like a long time, but it went by so quickly and didn't allow for much marketing, especially since we didn't have much for a budget. Similar projects take years to develop and involve paid staff who work full-time on the project, but we crammed the unveiling of 30 statues (and the entire process that goes with it) in under a year!

Mullen: I would be bolder and more direct when engaging business leaders to participate in sponsorship. We had a few occasions where a business declined the opportunity in the beginning but came to us after the unveiling and expressed regret in not participating.

Buss: Start earlier. Timing was always a challenge that we faced. We encountered lots of different moving parts and some took longer than expected. If we had a little more time we might have done a few things differently, yet with that said I am still very proud of our class and felt the project accomplished the goals we set before us.

8. Looking back on the entire service project, what part of it are you most proud of?

Heddens: I think it's obvious to say we are most proud of the proceeds we were able to raise and donate to charity: a total of $66,000 ($33,000 to create the endowment and $11,000 to each charity). Those are some significant funds that we were not expecting to bring in. But it's also fun to hear the positive feedback we get from the community. The best is when I'm out and about in Ames with friends or family who are unaware of my involvement with CyclONE City and they say how cool the statues are, and that's when I fill them in.

Mullen: How much the community has embraced the project. Ames Chamber, ISU, the City of Ames, and the artists in the community did a fantastic job of working together to make everything happen. During the project and in the time since its official completion we have received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from the people of Story county and ISU alumni.

Buss: I am the most proud of, yet not surprised by our community. Several businesses saw what we were doing and stepped up to help. Many businesses donated services and manpower and that team effort was invaluable to our project. As a class where we are all working professionals and we could not have done it without the support from our employers who let us attend extra meetings on top of attending our regularly scheduled Leadership Ames classes, the great people at the Chamber, Iowa State, the City of Ames and our Business Community. This was a huge under taking by all aforementioned entities., I have always known Ames is a great place to live, but when you do a project like this and you feel the town rally to support you, it makes you that much more proud to call Ames you home.

9. How did your time as a tri-chair of the service project help you in your career?

Heddens: Being a Tri-Chair of CyclONE City helped me develop in many ways both personally and professionally. A major component was leadership. That's the name of the class: Leadership Ames. In addition, there were things I picked up that can't be learned in a classroom, but through interaction. Through my interactions as a Tri-chair, I now have a better understanding of Ames, the way it functions due to the sum of its parts (the city, university, businesses, and organizations), and the key players within those parts. Of course, I gained and enhanced many skills such as teamwork, communication, organization, patience, flexibility, dedication, and humility which can be applied in many aspects of life.

Mullen: The experience gave me a lot of exposure and opportunities to work with people in the community I might not have otherwise interacted with.

I believe this opportunity helped to make me a better-rounded person.

Buss: The Leadership Ames Program, facilitated by the Ames Chamber of Commerce, overall was a great experience. I learned valuable skills and information that will shape my future. The relationships built through this project will be long lasting. I have learned several skills that will reflect and shape my day-to-day. I would highly suggest this program to anyone.

10. Anything else you would like to say……

Heddens: I want to say thank you to everyone involved in CyclONE City. The entire class of 16, the Ames Chamber of Commerce, Iowa State University, the City of Ames, the businesses and individuals who sponsored and donated to the project, the artists, the charities for everything they do, our videographer, and the community as a whole. I would name everyone but this section alone would take up the space of the entire article! CyclONE City could not have been possible without the hard work, dedication, and teamwork that everyone put in. It was so great to see the community come together in support of a fun project for a great cause, and I am grateful to have been a part of it.

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Teresa Albertson, Iowa State University

Sarah Battani, Bankers Trust

Nathan Buss, VisionBank

Amber Deardorff, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Lucas Deardorff, First National Bank

Makenzie Heddens, Iowa State University

Stacey Holzwarth, Iowa State University Foundation

Lisa Niess, Iowa State Center

Michael Mullen, Converse Conditioned Air

Bret Pugh, US Bank

Jonathan Sargent, Todd & Sargent, Inc.

Thomas Shelton, City of Ames Police Department

Sarah Swanson, Great Western Bank

John Tillo, Pasley & Singer Law Firm, LLP

David Tucker, Workiva

Jennifer Van Cannon, Renewable Energy Group

*Class member's organization is listed as place of work while participating in the class sessions

CYCLONE CITY

CyclONE City was founded by the Leadership Ames Class XXVII (a program of the Ames Chamber of Commerce) as a "tour" of life-sized Cy statues throughout the Ames community, to raise funds for local charities and create an Iowa State University scholarship for a Story County resident. The statues were sponsored by local businesses and organizations and decorated by artists with local connections. Cy was on tour from August 31 through December 5, 2014.

Five of the 30 statues were up for auction on December 4, 2014 and brought in a grand total of $23,450! The total fundraising amount was announced at the ISU men's basketball game on January 20, 2015 which came to $66,000! $11,000 went to each of the three charities (Mainstream Living, Emergency Residence Project, and Youth & Shelter Services) and $33,000 to create an endowment at Iowa State University. Thank you to all of our sponsors, artists, supporters and the community who made CyclONE City possible!

Although CyclONE City's official tour has ended, many of the Cy statues remain out for public viewing in Ames, while other Cy statues have found permanent homes in private residences or businesses. All photos by PhotoSynthesis.

See Yourself in Ames

Sponsor: Ames Chamber of Commerce
Artist: Michael Gilger – Ames, IA
Location: Kellogg Ave & Main St

Celebrating 150 Years of Town and Gown

Sponsor: Presented to the City of Ames as a Sesquicentennial Anniversary Gift by the Ames Chamber of Commerce
Artist: Samantha Statia – Ames, IA Location: Inis Grove Park (2500 Duff Ave)

Día de los Ciclones

Sponsor: Leadership Ames Class XXVII
Artist: Hugo Kenemer & Ben Nelson – Ames, IA Location: YSS Family Life Center (125 S 3rd St)

CYtes of Ames

Sponsor: Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau
Artist: Hugo Kenemer – Ames, IA Location: Convention and Visitors Bureau Office (1601 Golden Aspen Drive)

Protect and Serve Cy

Sponsor: Ames Police Benefit Association
Artist: Molly Nagel – Mason City, IA Location: City Hall (515 Clark Ave)

DeCYde to Get Fit

Sponsor: Ames Racquet & Fitness Center
Artist: Keith Nelson – Britt, IA Location: Ames Racquet & Fitness Center – Somerset (2622 Stange Rd)

Local Banker, Local Hero

Sponsor: Bankers Trust Company
Artist: Julie Masimore – Des Moines, IA Location: Bankers Trust (3725 Stange Rd)

Cy Strong

Sponsor: Converse Conditioned Air
Artist: Sara Converse – Ames, IA Location: Converse Conditioned Air (3116 S Duff Ave)

ExCYted to Serve

Sponsor: Fareway
Artist: Julia Takemura – Mason City, IA Location: Fareway - Somerset (3619 Stange Rd

ALL IN CY

Sponsor: Great Western Bank
Artist: Tim Read – Ames, IA Location: Great Western Bank (316 S Duff Ave)

Cy- House Rock!

Sponsor: Green Hills Retirement Community
Artist: Tim Read – Ames, IA Location: Friedrich Iowa Realty (100 6th St.)

Cy's All In for An Ames Tradition!

Sponsor: Hickory Park Restaurant Co. Artist: Katie Esslinger – Harlan, IA Location: Hickory Park (1404 S Duff Ave)

Super Cy

Sponsor: Hy-Vee Ames
Artist: Hugo Kenemer – Ames, IA Location: Hilton Coliseum (near University Blvd)

Cy's Tribute

Sponsor: Iowa State University
Artist: Lou Wendel – Cedar Rapids, IA Location: ISU Memorial Union (near fountain)

Graduation Cy

Sponsor: Iowa State University
Artist: Elizabeth Rhoads Read – Cedar Rapids, IA
Location: ISU Union Drive Community Center 2nd Floor

What We Love About ISU

Sponsor: Iowa State University
Artist: Sticks – Des Moines, IA
Location: Reiman Gardens (1407 University Blvd)

Dr. Cy

Sponsor: Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine
Artist: Molly Nagel – Mason City, IA Location: ISU Veterinary Medicine Building (S 16th St)

Inventions of CYence and Technology

Sponsor: Iowa State University Research Foundation Artist: Biological/Pre-Med Illustration Club (Iowa State University)
Location: ISU Research Foundation (2121 State Ave.)

eCy

Sponsor: Kingland Systems
Artist: Asa Wentzel-Fisher & Tiberiu Chelcea – Ames, IA
Location: Wandling Engineering (923 N 2nd St.)

Construction Cy

Sponsor: Manatts
Artist: Shawn Palek – Slater, IA
Location: Manatts (2120 E 13th St)

Anatomy of a Cyclone

Sponsor: Mary Greeley Medical Center and McFarland Clinic
Artist: David Cheney – Rochester, MN
Location: Inside Mary Greeley Medical Center (1111 Duff Ave.)

Spirit of Fashion

Sponsor: North Grand Mall and VisionBank
Artist: Holland Evermore – Ames, IA
Location: Inside of North Grand Mall (2801 Grand Ave)

Farmer Cy

Sponsor: Prairie Engineering Inc.
Artist: Shawn Palek – Slater, IA
Location: Private Residence

Cy the Dentist Guy

Sponsor: Pyfferoen Pediatric Dentistry
Artist: Shari Scigliano – Des Moines, IA
Location: Pyfferoen Pediatric Dentistry (301 5th St)

Business Cy

Sponsor: Renewable Energy Group, Inc.
Artist: Heather Straszheim Johnson – Ames, IA
Location: ISU Gerdin Business Building

MetalliCy

Sponsor: Todd & Sargent, Inc.
Artist: David Cheney – Rochester, MN
Location: Todd & Sargent, Inc. (2905 SE 5th St.)

M Wally B

Sponsor: Wallaby's Bar & Grill
Artist: Cassidy Ringena & Stumbo Auto Body – Steamboat Rock & Boone, IA
Location: New Wallaby's (2733 Stange Rd)

LegaCy: Tribute to Jack Trice

Sponsor: The Weitz Company
Artist: Heather Straszheim Johnson – Ames, IA Location: Jack Trice Stadium (1800 S 4th St)

Cyclone Classic

Sponsor: Workiva
Artist: Hilde DeBruyne Verhofste – Cumming, IA
Location: Private Residence

Astro Cy

Sponsor: Iowa State University Department of Aerospace Engineering
Artist: Hugo Kenemer & Ben Nelson– Ames, IA Location: Howe Hall (northeast corner on Bissel Road)

Bronze Cy

Gifted by Michael & Jean Steffenson Family
Artist: Michael D'Ambrosi – Cave Creek, AZ Location: ISU Alumni Center (420 Beach Ave)

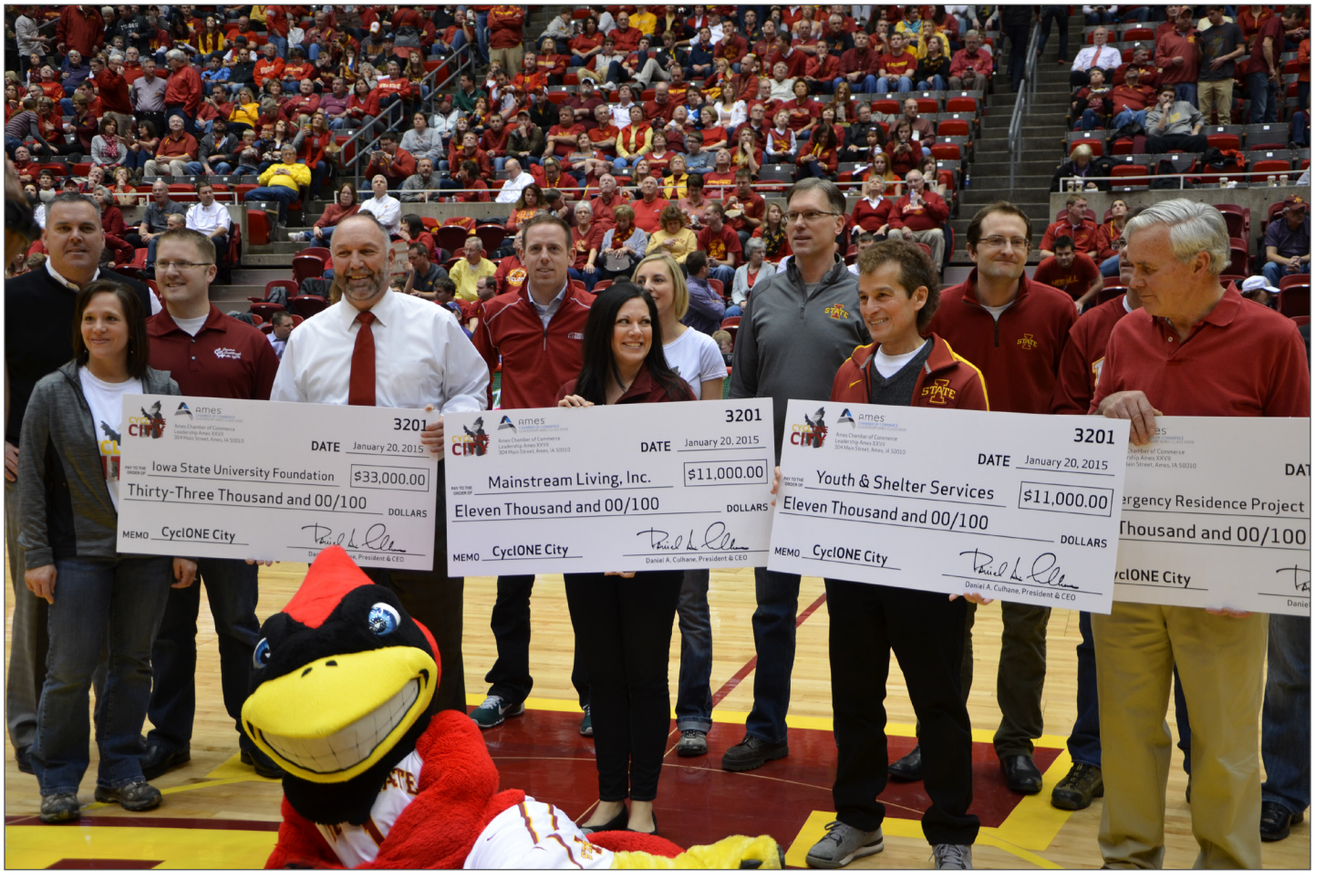
CyclONE City check presentation ceremony

The Leadership Ames Class XXVII presented checks to several charities last January during the half-time program of the ISU men's basketball game at Hilton Coliseum.

Leadership Ames Class XXVII was proud to donate all proceeds from CyclONE City to the following organizations to support the needs of the community, and presented checks to each of the following:

- The Emergency Residence Project in the amount of $11,000
- Youth & Shelter Services in the amount of $11,000
- Mainstream Living in the amount of $11,000
- and $33,000 to create the Leadership Ames endowment at Iowa State University which will benefit persons with disabilities in Story County

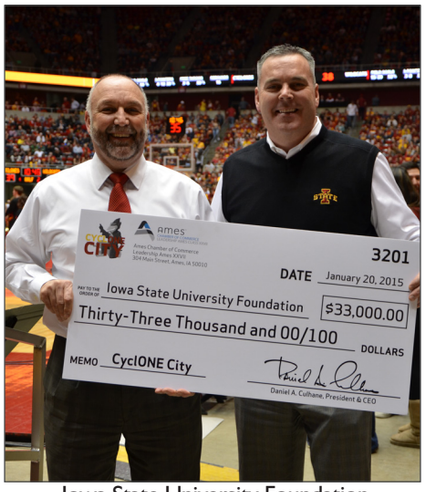
CyclONE City was founded by the Leadership Ames Class XXVII (a program of the Ames Chamber of Commerce) as a "tour" of life-sized Cy statues throughout the Ames community to raise funds for local charities and create an Iowa State University scholarship for a Story County resident. The statues were sponsored by local businesses and organizations and decorated by artists with local connections.



Youth & Shelter Services

Mainstream Living

The Emergency Residence Project



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Leadership Ames Alumni: we like to know what you're up to! Please send any updates on your accomplishments, current job or contact info to kelly@ameschamber.com or call the Chamber office at 515-232-2310.