

ANNUAL REPORT

2017



OUR MISSION

**"To develop knowledgeable
and effective leaders to
become policy and
decision makers for
the agricultural industry."**

Character



Skills



Knowledge



Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

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ON THE COVER

CHARACTER: Dr. Timothy Feddersen, Wendell Hobbs Professor of Managerial Politics and Professor of Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences at the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, speaks to the class about ethical leadership in their final session of the Business Decision Making Seminar sponsored by John Deere.

SKILLS: Participants work together in a group exercise during the "Teaming & Effective Collaboration" session as a part of the Business Decision Making Seminar at the Kellogg School of Management.

KNOWLEDGE: Members of the Class of 2018 listen attentively to Mr. Juan Luciano, President and CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Company, as he talks about "Leadership in Times of Transformative Change" during the Richard Ryan Economics and the Marketplace Seminar.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dan Kelley,
Chairman of
the Board, IALF

Every day, agriculture continues to face challenges. A growing world population, the need for improved sustainability practices and technology, the development of new markets, and advocating for the work agriculture does to feed the world, play a valuable part in moving our industry forward. To this end, agricultural leaders will continue to play a vital role through the 21st century and beyond.

Since its first graduating class in 1984, The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation has continued its mission to develop knowledgeable and effective leaders to become policy and decision makers for the agricultural industry. I was proud to be part of that first class of leaders, and take great satisfaction in seeing the tradition continue as we approach the graduation of our Class of 2018.

Our current class of 29 agriculture professionals has embarked on a journey not only of leadership, but knowledge. Through in-depth seminars

featuring renowned experts in agriculture, education, technology, and communications, as well as policy makers and legislators, we have provided them the tools to share agriculture's story and move our industry forward to meet the needs of a changing world.

The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation has enjoyed the strong support of its investors throughout its 36-year history. As Chairman of the Board, I want to take this opportunity to once again share our Foundation's continued commitment to develop leaders and provide value to the agriculture industry, our communities, and our investors who make our 19-month leadership program possible.

A significant event in 2017 was the selection of Leland Strom, a graduate of the IALP Class of 1988 as our new CEO and President. On behalf of the IALF Board, I also want to thank Don Norton for his outstanding leadership of our organization for the last five years.

We will continue to make the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation the premiere leadership organization in agriculture. We thank you for your support and look forward to enhancing leadership skills to meet the challenges ahead.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lee Strom,
President and
CEO, IALF

It is a great honor and pleasure for me to have returned to the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation this past November in the new role of President and CEO. Having been a graduate of IALF in the 1980's and spending much of my professional career in agriculture leadership roles at local, state, and national levels, I have a deep appreciation for the value of the program and of the need to develop agriculture professionals for the future. While the 1980's were some of the most difficult times for the agriculture sector during the past century, the industry today is faced with new challenges that require uniquely skilled professionals who possess the necessary tools to reach across all sectors of society and business.

The IALF has built a great national reputation as a premier agriculture development program, but we cannot rest on those laurels. With Illinois' position as a central hub in the global food system, the world will increasingly turn to us as a source of solutions to the challenges of feeding a growing population. Our assets include some of the best

farmers and farmland in the world, headquarters to major corporations, and a global gateway city to name a few. But we should also consider the IALF and our alumni network as one of our most treasured assets and seek better ways to utilize its capacity.

With the committed support of individuals and corporations over the past four decades, the IALF has been able to provide a unique leadership development experience for nearly 500 graduates. As we move forward, my personal goal is to discover new methods to leverage this great asset to bring positive change to Illinois and the world.

I look forward to working with the IALF Board of Directors in the coming year to create new collaborations and partnerships with entities which have not previously been part of the IALF family of supporters or sponsors. By thinking "outside the box", we can provide leading-edge opportunities for each participant of our program and build lasting relationships across all sectors of the economy.

In closing, I want to offer a personal word of gratitude to Debi Thurow, Alison Myers Jefferson, and Todd Lowery, for their dedicated service to IALF throughout the year and especially during the recent vacancy in the President/CEO office. They remain a key and critical component of our success.

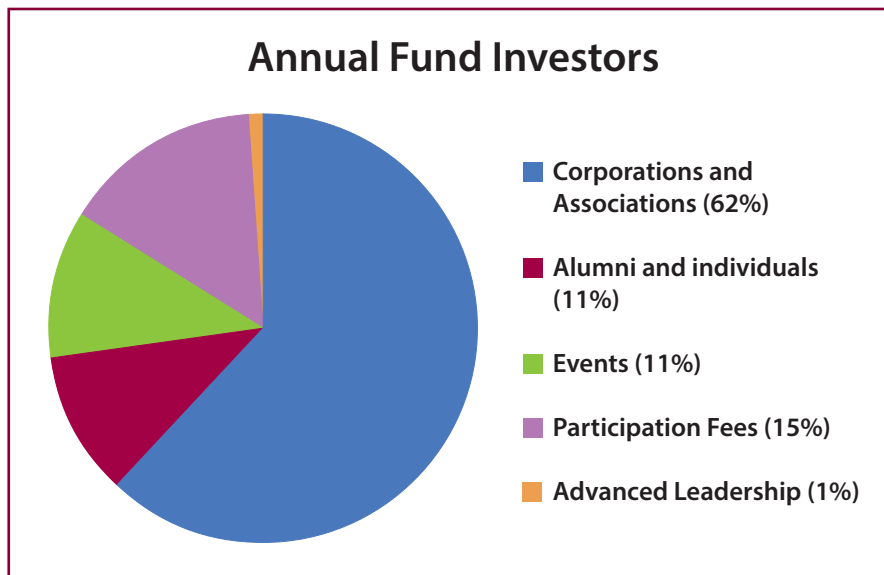
THE IALF ANNUAL FUND

Contributions to the IALF Annual Fund are used for general operational support to fund the activities of the current leadership class. Those contributing to this fund include corporations and associations, as well as individuals such as IALF program graduates and friends of the Foundation.

There are many ways to give to the IALF Annual Fund. The most frequent gift is in the form of a cash

investment. Some companies and individuals also provide in-kind gifts that help offset expenses associated with leadership program seminars. Still others support our annual golf outing and annual meeting through a sponsorship, hole sponsorship or auction item donation. Many companies and individuals contribute at multiple levels in the same year: cash contributions, donation of auction items, and in-kind gifts.

2017 ANNUAL FUND SUMMARY



Total Annual Fund investments received in FY 2017 = \$588,808

Corporations and associations accounted for 62% of annual fund contributions. Alumni and Individuals contributed 11%, Special Events accounted for 11%, Participation Fees made up 15%, and Advanced Leadership activities comprised 1% of the annual fund in FY 2017.

THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB

On the following pages you will see the names of individuals who give to the annual fund. Many are alumni, some are past or current board members of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation or the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Alumni Association, and even more are friends of the program. Because the

annual fund is so critical to the on-going educational excellence of the major seminar series each year, we have chosen to denote those individuals who have given to the annual fund for five or more consecutive years with an asterisk (*). These are members of the President's Club! Thank you.

CORPORATE AND ASSOCIATION INVESTORS

• \$20,000 and Above

Archer Daniels Midland Company *
 Compeer Financial *
 CoBank *
 Illinois Soybean Program *
 Monsanto *
 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company *

• \$15,000 – \$19,999

CME Group *
 CNH Industrial
 COUNTRY Financial
 Deere & Company *
 GROWMARK, Inc. *
 Illinois Corn Marketing Board *
 Illinois Farm Bureau *
 DuPont Pioneer Heartland *
 Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. *

• \$5,000 – \$9,999

BASF Corporation
 Bayer Crop Science
 Cargill
 Dow AgroSciences
 Farm Credit Illinois *
 Syngenta
 The Maschhoffs LLC

• \$1,000 – \$4,999

AHW LLC
 Anderson Foundation *
 Citizens Bank of Macomb *
 Cook County Farm Bureau *
 Corn Belt Energy *
 DeKalb County Farm Bureau *
 Evergreen FS, Inc. *
 Grain & Feed Association of Illinois *
 Heartland Bank & Trust Company *
 Illinois Beef Association
 Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association *
 Illinois Pork Producers Association *
 Kane County Farm Bureau *
 Marquis Energy LLC

• \$1,000 – \$4,999 (cont.)

Nufarm Americas
 Pike & Scott County Farm Bureaus *
 St. Louis AgriBusiness Club *
 Siemer Milling Company *
 Solon-Andreas Foundation
 Tee Jet Technologies
 The Chicago Farmers *
 Wells Fargo Bank *
 Wyffels Hybrids Inc.

• \$200 – \$999

Carroll Service Company *
 DuPage County Farm Bureau *
 Fortress Bank *
 Gallatin County Farm Bureau
 Heritage FS, Inc.
 Holland & Sons, Inc.
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 Verdesian Life Sciences
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• \$1,000 - \$4,999

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Chet & Joy Boruff *
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Class of '94

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Class of '98

Kim Morton & Ron Kok Alblas *

Class of '00

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Class of '06

Brent & Elizabeth Johnson *
 Brad & Kimberly Wolter

Class of '08

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Class of '10

Nathan & Brittany Hasheider *

Class of '12

Sarah Michaels

Friends

Gary & Ann Baise *
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 John & Anne Huston *
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 Orion & Gloria Samuelson
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 Carol & Jerry Zimmerman–Turner

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Rick & Mary Edwards *
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Brian & Molly Loeffler *

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John & Marilyn Litchfield
 Steve Pitstick *
 Rod Stoll

Class of '02

Steve & Gladys Arnold *
 David & Maribeth Logsdon

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Class of '06

Tracy & Beth Jones
 Jody & Lisa Ketsenburg *
 Lane & Joyce Pickwell

Class of '10

Jeff & Carrie Ray

Class of '12

Brad Baker

Class of '16

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Friends

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• \$250 - \$499

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Becky & Ken Doyle *
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Class of '86

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 Lynn & Mary Hiser *
 Gary Unverfehrt *

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Jim & Mary McKinstry *
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Class of '08

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• \$100 - \$249

Class of '84

Ray & Ellen Hanks *

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Donna & James Reifschneider *

Wendell & Janet Shauman *

Steve & Pam Wentworth

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Kent & Sara Kleinschmidt

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Ron & Jan Reische

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Gerry & Judy Salzman *

Jerry & Pam Snodgrass *

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Linnea & Joel Kooistra *

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Peter & Diane Brummel *

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Kevin & Tracy Niemann *

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Steve & Jennifer Sheaffer

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Tim Stuenkel *

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Andy & Amanda Brantner

Spencer & Alicia Janssen

Todd & Laura Price

Class of '16

Joe Zumwalt

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Lee Bunting

Rich & Virginia Connell

Todd & Jennifer Lowery

Alison & Steve Myers Jefferson *

Rick & Patricia Nelson

Steve & Lisa Newman

Ron & Cari Pierson

John Ross *

Ashley Satorius

Jim & Susan Walter

• Up to \$99

Class of '88

Kevin & Jennifer Miller *

Class of '98

Phil & Carolyn Corzine *

Class of '04

Brian & Patricia Frieden

Class of '14

Linda Gould

Friends

Tom Beyers

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- Berk Boehne Family
- Crop Life America
- Eckert's Family Farms
- Wagner Farms
- Nancy Strunk

GOLF OUTING – INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS

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Malcolm Head – Class of '92
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Gary Huisinga – Class of '88
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Financial Planners

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Bob Schroeder – Class of '18

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Tim Seifert – Class of '02
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Tim Stock – Class of '18
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– Tim Stuenkel – Class of '12
Ron Tombaugh – Class of '02
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– Ed Cooper – Class of '94
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Company,
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– Jamie Walter – Class of '08
Tim Wolfe – Class of '18
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Anna Ziegler – Class of '18
Susanna Zimmerman – Class of '18



During the 2017 golf outing, the Class of 1984 won the Class Spirit Award by sponsoring a golf hole. Pictured here are, from left Debi Thurow, Development Dir., Dan Kelley, Class of 1984 representative and Don Norton, former President/CEO.

Golf Outing sponsored by:



Dinner sponsored by:



*Class of 2010
Class of 2012*

Thank you to the golf committee and auction volunteers whose dedication, time and resources made these days possible.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CLASS OF 2018



◀ Personal Leadership and Self Reflection Seminar

President Mike Elbe of John Wood Community College talks to the IALP class of 2018 about a busy leaders approach to managing and balancing professional and personal commitments during the Personal Leadership and Self Reflection Seminar.

Communication Excellence Seminar ▶

The Communication Excellence Seminar, sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland Company, was held at the John Deere world headquarters in Moline and featured hands-on public speaking and interpersonal skill development taught by corporate professionals.



◀ Economics and the Marketplace Seminar

Mr. Juan Luciano, President and CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Company, discusses global trends in the food and agriculture industry with the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program Class of 2018 during the Richard Ryan Economics and the Marketplace Seminar.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CLASS OF 2018

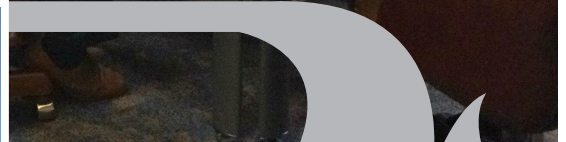


◀ National Agricultural Policy Seminar

The Kim Morton National Agricultural Policy Seminar included a session on Agriculture and the EPA by Lauren Lurkins, Director of Natural and Environmental Resources for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

National Study Seminar ▼▶

The National Study Seminar sponsored by Monsanto featured discussions with high-level legislative liaisons and Members of Congress to exploring leadership lessons on the battlefield at Gettysburg. The class participants learned first-hand of the most pressing issues facing agriculture during the seven-day study seminar on national policy and leadership.



THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CLASS OF 2018



◀ Business Communication, Outreach, and the Media Seminar

The Business Communication, Outreach, and the Media Seminar was held in Chicago and continued the tradition of having class members be interviewed by Hall of Fame Broadcaster Orion Samuelson.

Global Challenges Seminar ▶

The GROWMARK Global Challenges Seminar featured a discussion with Roger Thurow about his research and his book, which was required reading for the Class of 2018. Thurow is a Fellow with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and author of *The Last Hunger Season; A Year in an African Farm Community on the Brink of Change*.



◀ Energy and Ecosystems Seminar

The Martin L. Andreas Energy and Ecosystems Seminar featured a tour of Marquis Energy, LLC. Jeremy Frerichs, (then) plant manager and current IALP Class of 2018 participant, leads fellow members of the class on a tour of the ethanol production facility.

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING



▲ Chris Eckert (IALP '04) informs FFA Instructors about practices to improve peach production in one of Eckert's orchards at their Belleville location during the IALF Advanced Leadership “Agritourism and Consumer Engagement” Seminar.

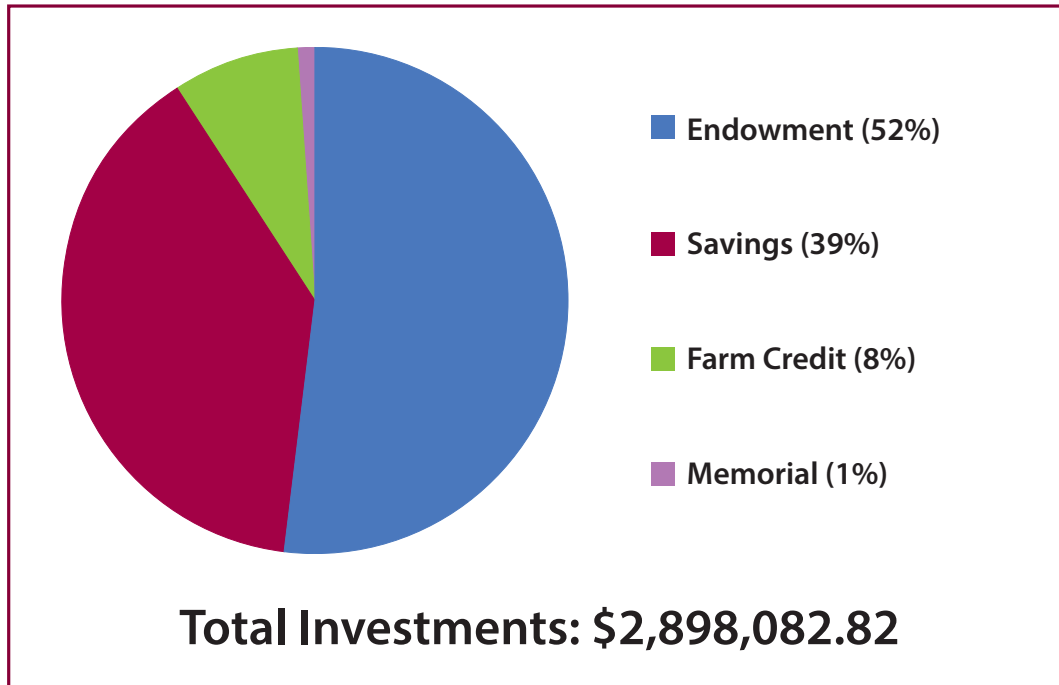
ADVANCED LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



▲ Katie Mansouri (IALP '18) presents to FFA instructors at Prairie Farms Dairy in Granite City. The group then took a tour of the facility during the “Agritourism and Consumer Engagement” seminar held in June.

INVESTMENTS

The IALF has four investment accounts: The IALF Endowment, The Farm Credit Illinois Endowment to the IALF, an IALF Savings Account and a Memorial Fund. These funds varied in growth with market vulnerability during FY 2017. The accounts are managed under direction of the Finance Committee of the IALF Board of Directors.



Investment Account	9/30/2016	9/30/2017	Change
Endowment	\$1,305,426	\$1,503,855	\$198,429
Savings	\$1,103,002	\$1,141,579	\$38,577
Farm Credit Illinois	\$228,353	\$236,706	\$8,353
Memorial	\$12,462	\$15,942	\$3,480
Total Invested Funds	\$2,649,243	\$2,898,083	\$248,840

ENDOWMENTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Eight of the seminars in our flagship 19 month leadership program are made possible by endowed gifts from corporations and individuals. These investments will allow for the seminars to be held in perpetuity. While not endowed, three corporations provide funding for seminars on an annual sponsorship basis. If you are interested in endowing or sponsoring a seminar or leadership event, please contact Lee Strom, President & CEO, at 309-837-7711. Our heartfelt thanks is extended to these individuals and corporations for their passion for leadership development.

Endowed Seminars

- **Farm Credit Illinois** and **Compeer Financial** combined to fund the “Farm Credit Innovation & Change Seminar.”
- **GROWMARK** funds the “GROWMARK Global Challenges Seminar.”
- **The Maschhoffs, LLC** funds “The Maschhoffs, LLC State Government Seminar” held in Springfield.
- **Richard Ryan** funds the “Richard Ryan Economics & the Marketplace Seminar” in conjunction with in-kind gifts from the University of Chicago.
- **Kim Morton** (IALP Class of '98) funds the “Kim Morton National Agriculture Policy Seminar” held at the University of Illinois College of ACES.
- The **Martin L. Andreas Endowment** funds the “Martin L. Andreas Energy & Ecosystems Seminar” held in Chicago.
- **Ron** (IALP Class of '84) and **Melanie Warfield** fund the “Ron and Melanie Warfield International Perspectives Seminar.”
- Nearly **150 friends and alumni** invested in the endowment to fully fund the “Joyce Watson Leadership Orientation Seminar” named after the founding President and CEO of the IALF.

Sponsored Seminars

- **Monsanto** provides funding for the “National Study Seminar sponsored by Monsanto” in Washington, D.C. through 2016.
- **John Deere** provides a portion of funding for the “Business Decision Making Seminar” held at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.
- **Archer Daniels Midland** provides funding for the “Communication Excellence Seminar” held at the John Deere World Headquarters in Moline.
- **Cargill** provides a portion of funding for the “Personal Leadership and Self Reflection Seminar” held at Kinderhook Lodge.



Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

Board of Directors

Dan Kelley, Chairman of the IALF Board, Retired Chairman of GROWMARK

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Board Emeritus

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Don McGillivray, Retired Agricultural Consultant

Joyce Watson, Retired President and CEO of the IALF



A Word About Accuracy

The Investor Report recognizes contributions for the 2017 Fiscal Year of the IALF (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017). We have made every effort to present the information in this publication accurately. Occasionally, we discover a name was omitted or incorrectly listed. If you find an error, please accept our apologies. We would appreciate your help in letting us know so the records can be corrected. Thank you.



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