

ANNUAL REPORT

The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

FY 2014

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The Class of 2014

Skills...



Knowledge...



Character

Our Mission

“To develop knowledgeable and effective leaders to become policy and decision makers for the agriculture industry.”



Dan Kelley,
Chairman of the
Board of Directors,
IALF

Chairman's Message

2014 was an outstanding year for the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation.

We graduated 29 agricultural leaders with our Class of 2014 in August. This brings our total number of living graduates to 451. Every day, American agriculture is impacted in a positive and profound way by a graduate of our leadership program.

We also started a new class—the Class of 2016. This new class of 30 consists of 13 full-time and 6 part-time farmers, along with 11 others who represent various aspects of the agricultural industry.

There is the unique synergy that develops when grain growers share the leadership journey with livestock producers, bankers, representatives of multinational corporations, food processors, educators,

researchers, co-op employees and members of the agricultural media. This environment builds leaders who understand the broad spectrum of American agriculture, and their network of associates expands beyond the scope of their own business concerns.

Agriculture needs leaders, and it needs leadership at all levels. That's why you'll find our graduates on local school boards, on commodity boards, in Washington D.C., and overseas in the international marketplace.

The IALF provides this unique forum for leadership learning without financial assistance from the state or federal governments. In an era of unprecedented budget tightening in our state, we know that our future is secure because of the generosity of our funding partners, alumni, board members and friends.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to develop knowledgeable and effective leaders for agriculture.



Don Norton,
President & CEO,
IALF

President's Message

It is my pleasure to present to you the Annual Report for the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation for our Fiscal Year 2014 that ended September 30th.

This report is more than just a collection of names and numbers. It represents a collaborative effort to provide the finest leadership education possible. The companies and individuals listed on these pages enabled the 16th class of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program to graduate on August 7. Many in this class have already advanced their leadership service to agriculture.

2014 may best be remembered as a year we learned "adaptability." Our International Study Seminar was planned for Russia, Ukraine and Poland. Civil unrest and international conflict arose that required us to alter these plans at the last minute. Thanks to our network of graduates, the international experience in Germany and Poland was a

fascinating look at supply and value chain issues in the European Union.

Members of the Class of 2014 expanded their knowledge of rural economic development, state government, international policy and energy. They developed the skills, knowledge and character traits that result in effective leaders for the world's most essential industry.

In addition to graduating the Class of 2014, we held the first meeting of the Class of 2016 and finished that day with the inaugural "Torch of Leadership" banquet. We recognized four individuals who "walk the walk" through distinguished leadership service.

In the coming 12 months our new class members will work on communication skills, national policy, and finding their own leadership paths. This will be an exciting year!

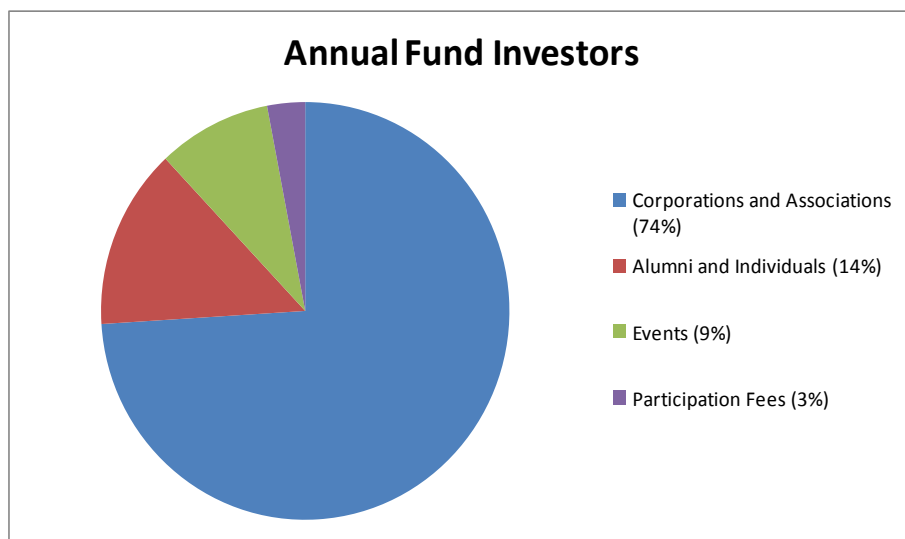
Thank you to the IALF Board of Directors and to the staff—Alison Myers and Debi Caspall Thurow. And thank you to our investors who share our passion for strong leadership.

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, donating auction items and providing in-kind gifts.

2014 Annual Fund Summary



Total Annual Fund contributions received in FY 2014 = \$480,073

Corporations and associations accounted for 74% of annual fund contributions. Alumni and Individuals contributed 14%, Special Events accounted for 9% and Participation Fees made up 3% of the annual fund in FY 2014.

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 FY 2014

\$20,000 or Above

Archer Daniels Midland Company
CoBank *
Illinois Soybean Association *
John Deere & Company *
Monsanto Company
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company *

\$15,000 - \$19,999

1st Farm Credit Services *
CME Group
GROWMARK, Inc. *
Pioneer Heartland
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. *

\$10,000-\$14,999

Case IH *
Illinois Corn Marketing Board
Illinois Farm Bureau *
Potash Corporation

\$5,000-\$9,999

CF Industries, Inc.
Dow AgroSciences
Farm Credit Illinois *
The Maschhoffs LLC

\$1,000-\$4,999

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

Kane County Farm Bureau *
Osborn and Barr Communications, Inc.
Pike & Scott County Farm Bureau
Prairieland FS, Inc.
Rabobank Agribusiness
Siemer Milling Company *
Solon-Andreas Foundation
St. Louis AgriBusiness Club *
The Chicago Farmers *
Wells Fargo Bank
Wyffels Hybrids, Inc.

\$200 - \$999

AHW LLC
Arends and Sons Inc
Buck Bros., Inc.
Carroll Service Company
DuPage County Farm Bureau
Fairmount Minerals
First State Bank of Illinois
GRAINCO FS, Inc.
Holland & Sons, Inc.
Kelley Sauder Rupiper Equipment, LLC
John Volk Associates *
Lake County Farm Bureau
Livingston County Farm Bureau
Madison County Farm Bureau
Martin Brothers Implement CO
Martin Kroencke Sullivan, Inc
Massasc County Farm Bureau
McDonough County Farm Bureau
McLean County Farm Bureau
Prudential Agricultural Investments
Sloan Implement Co, Inc.
South Central FS
St. Clair County Farm Bureau *
Washington County Farm Bureau
West Central FS
Wm. Nobbe & Co., Inc.

* = denotes President's Club

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Individual Investors FY 2014

\$1,000 - \$4,999

Class of '84

Chet & Joy Boruff *

Dan & Pam Kelley *

Ron & Melanie Warfield

Class of '86

Dean & Cookie Campbell

Class of '88

Jamie and Larisa Willrett

Class of '94

Dan & Liz Koster

Class of '96

Jeff & Rhonda Abbey *

Class of '98

Kim Morton & Ron Kok Alblas *

Class of '06

Brent & Elizabeth Johnson

Class of '10

Nathan & Brittany Hasheider

Friends

Martin & Leesa Andreas *

Gary & Ann Baise

Tami Craig Schilling

Robert and Cheryl Easter

John & Anne Huston *

Porter & Sherrie Martin *

Don and Kay Norton

Richard O. Ryan *

Orion Samuelson

Joyce & Allan Watson *

\$500 - \$999

Class of '84

Gary & Vicki Luth *

Wendell & Janet Shauman

Class of '86

John & Jan Kellogg *

Class of '88

Tom & Cheryl Martin *

Class of '92

John & Tura Cottingham

Class of '94

Rick & Mary Edwards

Kevin & Laura Haas *

Class of '96

Charles & Janis Studer

Class of '00

Steve Pitstick

Rod Stoll

Class of '02

Steve & Gladys Arnold *

David & Maribeth Logsdon

Class of '04

Aaron & Jamie Curtis

Class of '06

Lane & Joyce Pickwell

Class of '08

Matt & Jill Ginder *

Class of '10

Chris & Dana Gould

Class of '12

Doug Kirk

Friends

Eldon Gould

Alan Reusch

Enid & Lila Schlipf *

\$250 - \$499

Class of '84

Becky & Ken Doyle

Tom & Pat Johnson

Bill & Bonnie Mullins

Alan & Susan Puzey

Class of '86

Steve & Marilyn Ayers *

George & Janet Dixon

Lynn & Mary Hiser *

Bob & Jeannie Johnson

Penny & Kristian Lauritzen

Gary Unverfehrt *

Class of '88

Jim & Mary McKinstry

Paul & Connie Rasmussen

Leland & Twyla Strom *

David Ward & Jane Courtright *

Class of '90

Ron Bend & Paula Brummel

Alan & Mary Forristall *

Steven & Mary Postlewait

Doug & Stacy Schroeder *

Class of '92

Stan & Peggy Blunier *

Steve & Madeline Gustafson

Bob & Amy Phelps *

Steve & Sharon Schneider *

Ron & Patti Starr

Dan & Julie Vial

Class of '94

Gary & Cyndy Bruch *

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** = denotes President's Club*

The IALF Annual Fund (continued)

Individual Investors FY 2014 (continued)

\$250-\$499 cont.

Class of '96

Irvin & Delila Bane *

David & Lisa Hamman *

Class of '98

Brian & Molly Loeffler *

Ron & Deb Moore

Rick & Jan Schramm *

Michelle and Danny Terry

Jay & Brenda Timmons

Bill & Bonnie Wykes

Class of '00

Connie & Preston Barr *

Nick & Kayla Block *

Rick & Connie Krone *

Class of '02

Jeff & Katherine Austman *

Mary Auth

Bill & Deborah Leigh *

Peter & Megan Pistorius

Class of '04

George & Sarah Lukach *

Brad & Sara Smith

Class of '06

Jody & Lisa Ketsenburg *

Allyn & Amy Buhrow

Class of '08

Mark Erdman

Chet & Lori Ester *

Jamie & Kristen Walter

Class of '10

Sheila & David Fowler

Jeff & Carrie Ray

Grant & Kristen Strom

Class of '12

Dan & Karen Biernacki

Scott & Kimberly Deakin

John & Kodi Fietsam

Deb & Kevin Schultz

Class of '14

Brian & Shannon Anderson

Jeff & Christine Bunting

Jared & Becky Nobbe

Friends

Don & Betty McGillivray *

\$100—\$249

Class of '84

Jim & Gail Frank

Ray & Ellen Hanks *

Jerry & Jill Hicks

William Hollein

Philip & Carmen Nelson

Donna & James Reifschneider *

Randy & Mary Ann Sims

Steve & Pam Wentworth

Class of '86

Randy & Susie DeSutter *

Ed & Cynthia Feeney

Larry & Tammy Fischer

Kent & Sara Kleinschmidt

Penny & Kristian Lauritzen *

Mike & Linda Mouser

Jim & Ann Wright

Class '88

Ken & Sara Nimrick *

Ron & Jan Reische

Larry Tombaugh & Kathy Allen

Allan & Janet Worrell *

Class of '90

Randy & Carolyn Grove *

Fritz & Sally Kuhlmeier *

Art & Jana Lehmann

Dan & Sandy Nafziger

Bob & Debbie Rhea *

Bruce & Joanne Stickers

Steve & Jan Weber

Dan & Katie Wujek

Class of '92

Tom & Beth Chamberlain *

Bret & Susan Cude *

Dennis Epplin

David & Tricia Monier

Gerry & Judy Salzman *

Jerry & Pam Snodgrass *

Class of '94

Ed Cooper & Patty DeBiasi

Dale & Amy Hadden *

Bob Heberer *

Berton Huftalin

Jim Schroeder

Class of '96

Susan & John Adams *

Tim & Patricia Bittner

Don & Doris Cochran *

Brigitte Franzen *

Linnea & Joel Kooistra

Jackie & Mark Kraft *

Class of '98

Ray & Cathie Bunch *

Debbie Hamrick & Ed Gaines

Heather & Brian Hampton+Knodle *

Thomas Harms

John & Beth Kuhfuss *

Greg & Sandra Steele

Jeff & Norine Townsend

Class of '00

Norman & Cheryl Brown

Peter & Diane Brummel *

Rick & Doris Kennay *

Michael Rauch

* = denotes President's Club

The IALF Annual Fund (continued)

Individual Investors FY 2014 (continued)

\$100-\$249 cont.

Class of '02

Dale & Wendy Clary
Matt & Connie Hughes *
Tim & Roxanna Seifert *
Todd West

Class of '04

Jeff & Jamell Adkisson *
Troy Fischer
Gary & Lisa Hadden *
Joe & Lisa Kapraun *
Ron and Michelle Lloyd
Doug & Erin Martin *
Jack & Stacy McCormick
Scott & Victoria Newport *
Keri & Corey Young Richardson

Class of '06

Andy & Tami Bastert
Mike & Kim Hilgenbrinck
Mindy & Tim McDermott
Ben & Terra Moye
Allen & Heather Sasse
David & Barb Serven
Joe & Rachelle Springer
Will & Lynn Timmons *
Troy Uphoff *

Matt Wiebers

Class of '08

Brad & Rhonda Baer
Bob & Jill Biehl
Ryan Frieders *
Carrie & Scott Muehling Vogel
Kevin & Tracy Niemann *
Doug Stahl
Marty & Megan Turner

Class of '10

Sheri & Patrick Bane
Chris & Dayla Salrin

Steve & Jennifer Sheaffer
Graham & Cyndi Utter
Brian & Jill Waddell

Class of '12

Jodie & Mike Brooks
Melinda Miller
Andy Sprague

Tim Stuenkel

Class of '14

Andrew & Karlie Bowman
Julie & Chad Gerdes
Spencer & Alicia Janssen

Friends

Eldon & Virginia Aupperle *
Ron Kindred
Rick Nelson
Steve & Lisa Newman
Bob & Mary Pritchard
John & Nancy Reifsteck
John Ross
Debi & Mike Thurow *

Up to \$99

Class of '88

John & Michelle Hilleson
Kevin & Jennifer Miller

Class of '96

Karl & Lori Lawfer
Katie Leigh

Class of '98

Phil & Carolyn Corzine
Brent & Karen Myers

Class of '00

Jane Feagans

Class of '02

Gary & Shari Shupe

Class of '10

Nathan & Melissa Provost

Class of '12

Sara & Carlos Fernandez
Steve & Nicole Niemann

Friends

Alison Myers

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Brad Baker – Springfield Plastics
Brandt Consolidated
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Kim Morton
Cargill
Agro Bordegrun
American Chamber of Commerce
in Poland
John Deere Company

The IALF Annual Fund (continued)

Golf Outing and Farm Tour Auction Item Donors and Hole Sponsors

Special thanks to
our Golf Outing
Corporate Sponsor:



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Brian Walker – Class of '04	Randy Grove – Class of '90	Kevin Niemann – Class of '08
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Steve Ayers – Class of '86	Tim Harris – Class of '00	IALA Board
Sheri Bane – Class of '10	Nathan Hashieder – Class of '10	Kay and Don Norton, IALF President
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Gary Unverfehrt – Class of '86	Gary Huisinga – '88	Osborn Barr Communications
Beck's Hybrids	Russ Higgins – Class of '00	Michael Turley – Class of '96
Nick Block – Class of '00	Lynn Hiser – Class of '86	Eric Oswald – Class of '92
Stan Blunier – Class of '92	John Huston – IALF Board	Pioneer Hi-Bred
Andrew Bowman – Class of '14	Illinois Pork Producers	Steve Pitstick – Class of '00, IALA Board
Andy Brantner – Class of '14	Illinois Grape Growers and Vintners Association	Potash Corporation
Jeff Bunting – Class of '14	John Deere Company	Prairie Farms Dairy
Colusa Elevator Company	Keith Soltwedel – Class of '98	Ryan Murphy – Class of '14
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Caterpillar, Inc.	Kinderhook Lodge	David Scheffler – Class of '10
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John Cottingham – Class of '92	Rick Krone – Class of '00	Steve Sheaffer – Class of '10
Country Financial	Dave Larson – Class of '86	Siemer Milling Company
Lindsey Rinkenberger – Class of '14	Penny Lauritzen – Class of '86	Connie Barr – Class of '00
Ken Dalenberg – Class of '86	Greg Lepper – Class of '00	Jerry Snodgrass – Class of '92
Scott Deakin – Class of '14	John Litchfield – Class of '00	Norbert Soltwedel – Class of '84
Randy DeSutter – Class of '86	Ron Lloyd – Class of '04	State Bank of Davis
Keith Detwiler – Class of '10	Loeffler Farms	Brent Myers – Class of '98
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Dennis Hoyt – Class of '04	Troy Fischer – Class of '04	Graham Utter – Class of '12
First State Bank of Illinois	Midland States Bank	Brad Wade – Class of '92
Andy Bastert – Class of '06	Alan Forristall – Class of '90	Wells Fargo & Agribusiness
Larry Fischer – Class of '86	Melinda Miller – Class of '12	Ed Cooper – Class of '94
Floratine Biosciences	Cory Mitchell – Class of '10	Steve Wentworth – Class of '84
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Julie Gerdes – Class of '14	Monsanto Company	Nick Nagele – Class of '14
Andrew Goodrich – Class of '10	John Fietsam – Class of '12	Jamie Walter – Class of '08
Chris Gould – Class of '10	Kim Morton – Class of '98, IALF Board	Wyffels Hybrids, Inc
Lynda Gould – Class of '14	Mosaic Foundation	Brent Johnson – Class of '06
Grain and Feed Association of Illinois	Mullins Grain	Zeldenrust Farm Market
Jeff Adkisson – Class of '04	Robb Mullins – Class of '98	Ruth Zeldenrust – Class of '14

Congratulations to the IALP Class of 2014



Top row (left to right): Michael Shane, DeKalb; Robb Creasey, Macomb; Daniel Carmichael, Rochelle; Jesse Edlefson, Coal Valley; Chad Brusveen, Geneseo; Brian Blau, Des Plaines; Andrew Brantner, Champaign; **Second from top row:** Rodney Phelps, Cameron; Tadgh Davis, Petersburg; Jared Nobbe, Waterloo; Brian Anderson, Ellsworth; Spencer Janssen, Litchfield; Andrew Boman, Oneida; **Third from top row:** Patrick Maschhoff, Nashville; Ryan Murphy, Granite City; Todd Price, Glenview; Cyndi Punke, Paxton; Jeff Bunting, Mahomet; Eric Smalley, Tremont; Shaen Inglis, Yorkville; **Fourth from top row:** Jared Brown, Broadwell; Lindsey Rinkenberger, Anchor; Julie Gerdes, Chatsworth; Ruth Zeldenrust, Chicago Heights; Brittany Dean, Chicago; Pinakin Desai, Naperville; **Bottom row :** President/CEO Don Norton; Michael Burns, Macomb; Luke McKelvie, Lebanon; Nick Nagele, Wheaton; Lynda Gould, Rochelle.

The Second Year of the Class of 2014 (continued on pages 10-11)



The second year of the program began with the Deere/Northwestern Business Decision Making Seminar at Northwestern University. Topics included Risk Management, taught by Dr. Mitchell Peterson, pictured at right. The Farm Credit Seminar on Innovation and Change focused on rural economic development. The Mid-America Airport, east of St. Louis, is where a blueberry grower from Mexico showed a new variety to the class that had just been flown in for distribution.



The Second Year of the Class of 2014 (continued from p. 9)

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Also featured at the Innovation and Change Seminar was a visit to The Maschhoffs. Many of the senior staff members of the firm have received leadership training through the IALP, including Chairman Ken Maschhoff, pictured at left. State Senator Chapin Rose, 51st District, R-Champaign, below, spoke to the class during the State Government Seminar sponsored by the Maschhoffs.



Illinois Farm Bureau Past President and former University of Illinois Instructor Ron Warfield, at left, spoke to the class during the International Perspectives Seminar at the University of Illinois. The Class of 2014 learned first hand about agriculture in the European Union during the International Study Seminar to Germany and Poland.

From the International Study Seminar, clockwise from right: understanding cultural changes at the Berlin Wall; a Case IH representative discusses how his client, standing at right, negotiates with more than 700 landlords whose farms were restored to them after Germany was unified; and below, a Polish farmer discusses crops, livestock and exporting at an estate home where Napoleon slept and Chopin played piano centuries ago.



The Second Year (continued from page 10)



At the Energy Outlook Seminar, sponsored by IALF Board Member Martin Andreas, Kevin Bruch, Division Manager for Gas Engine Electronics, pictured at left, discusses the variety of L.P. and diesel engines available worldwide across Caterpillar product platforms. At right, Tom Wolf, Executive Director of the Energy Council, Illinois Chamber of Commerce, talks about where energy comes from, where it goes and how it gets there in Illinois.

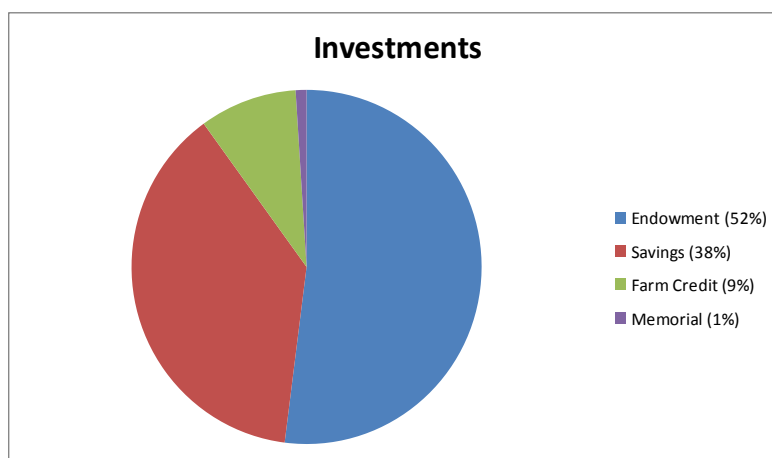
Welcome to the Class of 2016



Back row: Whit Dhamer, Steve Bridge, A.J. Woodyard, Brad Uken, K.J. Johnson, Ryan Buckles, Joel Barickman, Darren Sims. Second row from top: President/CEO Don Norton, Joe Zumwalt, Rob Sharkey, Micah Pope, David Jansen, Stephen Huls, Brian Satorius, Kirk Liefer. Third row from top: Jill Freuh, Julie Wankel, Marc Bremer, Brandy Marron, Dave Mohochko, Krista Lottinville, Grant Noland, Kimberly Meier. Bottom row: Kyle Schaeffer, Katie Lyons, Matt Kellogg, Dana Weigand, Jennifer Waters, Karlie Elliott Bowman, and David Mool.

Investments and Endowment

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 showed continued growth during FY 2014 from contributions and accumulated interest. The accounts are managed under direction of the Finance Committee of the IALF Board of Directors.



The IALF Endowment Fund was established in 2007 as a way to permanently endow the leadership program, and to ensure a continuation of agricultural leadership development in Illinois. Interest-only from this fund may be used as operational support for the program. During Phase I of the endowment, as of 9/30/14, \$1,039,707.31 has been received. In addition, \$173,446.26 has been pledged for a total of gifts and pledges of \$1,163,003.57. This means 90% of the endowment pledges to date have been fulfilled.

Endowment and Memorial Contributions

During FY 2014, contributions to our endowment fund and memorial fund were made by Karlie Elliott Bowman and Andrew Bowman, and Don Cochran.

In 2014, we lost one of our greatest supporters and a member of the IALP Class of 1984, Duane Strunk. Together with his wife, Nancy, Duane, pictured at right, welcomed many of our classes into their home for an evening meal during our National Ag Policy Seminar. Nancy designated the IALF memorial fund for remembrances in Duane's name.



Investment Account	9/30/2013	9/30/2014	Change
Endowment	1,241,382	1,341,457	100,075
Savings	964,180	990,237	26,057
Farm Credit Illinois	218,877	232,257	13,398
Memorial	7,589	12,493	4,904
Total Invested Funds	2,432,028	2,576,444	144,416

Endowed Seminars

Four corporations and three individuals have contributed specified amounts to the IALF Foundation and endowed seminars that bear their names.



- Farm Credit Services and 1st Farm Credit Services in Illinois combine to fund the “Farm Credit Services Seminar on Innovation & Change.”



- GROWMARK funds the “GROWMARK Seminar on Global Challenges and Leadership Opportunities.”



- The Maschhoffs, LLC funds the “State Government Seminar Sponsored by the Maschhoffs, LLC.”

Sponsored Seminars

Although not endowed in perpetuity, two corporations provide funding for seminars on an annual sponsorship basis.

- Monsanto provides funding for the “National Travel Seminar Sponsored by Monsanto” in Washington, D.C. through 2016.



- John Deere provides funding for the “Deere/Northwestern Business Decision Making Seminar” held at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



Endowed Seminars



- 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.

- Martin L. Andreas funds the “Martin L. Andreas Energy Outlook Seminar” held in Chicago.



- 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.

International Perspectives Seminar Endowed by the Warfield Family

In 2014, the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation (IALF) received an endowment from Ron and Melanie Warfield of Gibson City, Illinois, to fund a seminar in the two-year Illinois Agricultural Leadership Program.

The “Ron and Melanie Warfield International Perspectives Seminar” will focus on issues relating to the global nature of agriculture and serve to increase understanding between peoples of different countries. Primarily, the seminar will address issues related to the countries that will be visited by participants during the International Study Seminar in the second year of the program.

“Melanie and I met while individually living six months with farm families in Nepal through the 4-H IFYE program,” Warfield said. “Since then, we have served, worked, studied and traveled extensively internationally, which instilled in us the value of having leaders who understand the global nature of food production and distribution. We are very supportive of the work of the IALF and believe in its mission of developing knowledgeable and effective leaders to be policy and decision makers for agriculture.”

“The IALF is extremely grateful to Melanie and Ron for their devotion to our leadership program and generosity to the Foundation,” said IALF President & CEO Don Norton. “Their gift will ensure that we are able to continue to deliver high quality leadership training with an international perspective.”



Melanie and Ron Warfield

Inaugural “Torch of Leadership” is Awarded

One hundred seventy people attended the inaugural “Torch of Leadership” award banquet to celebrate the careers of four distinguished agricultural leaders. Sponsored by the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Alumni Association, the August 23rd event filled the ballroom at the Doubletree Conference Center in Bloomington.

Becky Doyle (IALP '84), former Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, received the award, along with Dan Kelley (IALP '84), Gerry Salzman (IALP '92) and veteran farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson, a 30-year member of the IALF Board of Directors.

More pictures of the evening are featured below.



From left, Orion Samuelson, Becky Doyle and Dan Kelley with their ‘Torch of Leadership’ awards. Gerry Salzman could not attend because of a prior commitment, but was able to provide an acceptance video.



The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

Board of Directors

Dan Kelley, Chairman of the IALF Board, Retired Chairman of GROWMARK
 Siamak Mirhakimi, Vice-Chairman of the IALF Board, Caterpillar Corporation
 Kim Morton, Secretary of the IALF Board, Retired Head of Agricultural Services,
 The Northern Trust Co

Porter Martin, Treasurer of the IALF Board, Porter Martin Farmland and
 Cattle Company, LLC

Martin Andreas, Retired Assistant to the Chief Executive and Director of
 Corporate Marketing, ADM

Gary Baise, Olsson Frank Weeda Terman Matz PC, Washington, D.C.

Robert Easter, President of the University of Illinois

Chet Boruff, CEO, Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)

John Huston, Retired Executive Vice President, National Cattlemen's Beef
 Association

Matt Jansen, President of the Oilseeds Division, Archer Daniels Midland

Richard Ryan, Consultant, Retired President and COO of DeKalb Seed for Monsanto

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