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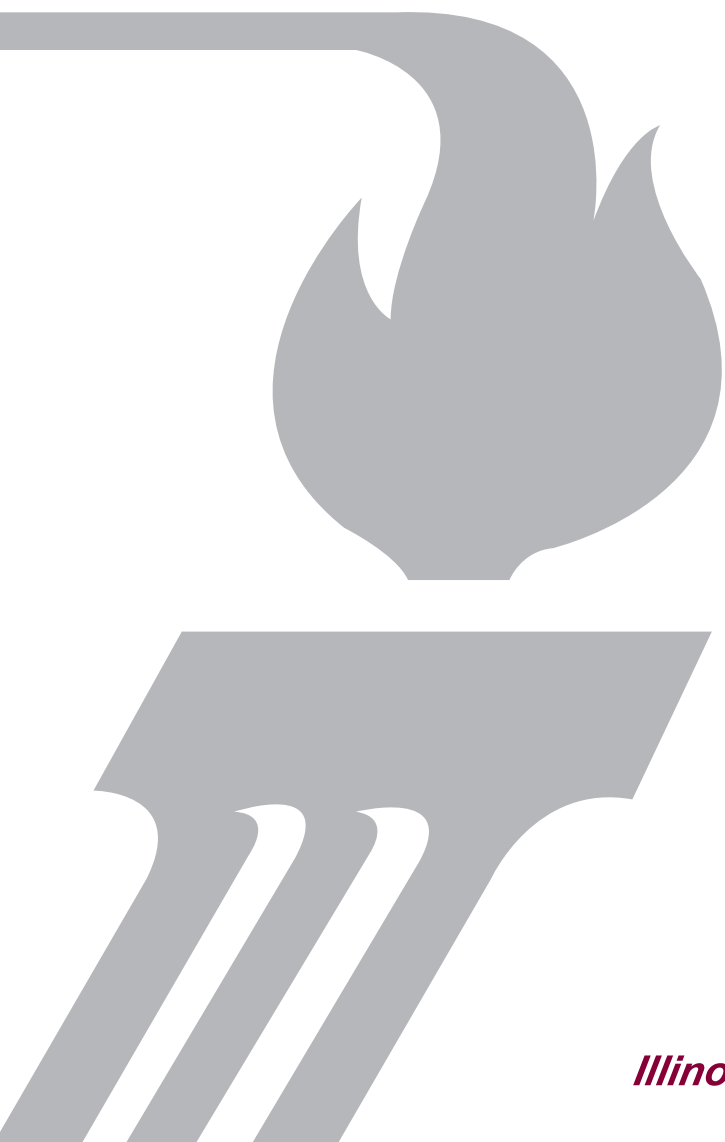
Character



Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

OUR MISSION

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



Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation

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ON THE COVER

The National Study Seminar sponsored by Monsanto featured leadership lessons on the battlefield at Gettysburg.

Professional trainers provide public speaking skill development, demonstrated by David Mool, at the Communication Excellence Seminar sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland.

The GROWMARK Global Challenges Seminar featured a tour of the USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (the "Ag Lab") in Peoria.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dan Kelley,
Chairman of
the Board of
Directors, IALF

The Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation uniquely summarizes everything that is great about American agriculture.

In our leadership classes, farmers, agricultural educators, farm advocacy group members, ag input manufacturers, technologists and research scientists gather to learn leadership with each other and from each other. They are the future of our industry, and so it is appropriate that our industry joins together to provide and fund this program.

We operate the leadership program without the benefit of state or federal funding. The companies and individuals listed on the pages of this report share our passion for excellence, and they're willing to include the Foundation among their annual donations. We call them "investors" because they should expect a return on their investment. That ROI is lived out every day in the lives of our

graduates and the service they perform to their communities and the industry.

Our commitment is to rise above the challenges to continue offering a leadership program without compromise. And we do recognize those challenges: commodity prices at their lowest point in years, fickle weather, a still-sluggish global economy and continual pressures from government regulations and special interest groups. Indeed, these challenges are reasons we need to press on with developing new leaders.

This year – 2015 - was the first year of the two-year program for our Class of 2016: the 17th class since our founding in 1982. We have high expectations for these 30 individuals. They look at this leadership experience as a vital part of their personal as well as professional development, and they are eagerly awaiting graduation and their next leadership challenge.

Thank you for supporting this fine group of individuals, and be sure to suggest others to be in our next classes. We are pleased to continue the tradition of excellence that is the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation – all that is great about American agriculture.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Don Norton,
President and
CEO, IALF

Thank you for taking the time to review this 2015 Annual Report for the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation. It is my honor to be President & CEO of this outstanding organization.

Great leadership embraces collaboration, and so it should be no surprise that collaboration is our method for building and advancing our premier leadership program. We have a distinguished Board of Directors, whose members provide valuable insights and challenge the staff. Our board committees, particularly our Education Committee of outstanding leaders and educators, are innovative and forward-thinking. We have an Alumni Board of Directors that is dedicated to providing value-added services to graduates and the entire agriculture community. These collaborative partners are responsible for our success.

There is one more critical ingredient to offering our leadership program - the companies and individuals listed in this report. They invest in the future of agriculture through their donations to the IALF. Without them, our work would not be possible. Their collaboration is critical. Please take a few moments to read their names and thank them when you see them or their company representatives.

The first year of our Class of 2016 has drawn to a close and we're looking forward to studying two significant events during our International Study Seminar in the coming year – our Trans Pacific Partnership co-member Japan, and Panama, with a new and expanded canal lane that will have a profound impact on global logistics. It will be an exciting year!

I am very grateful to Debi Thurow and Alison Myers, the staff of the IALF, for their hard work. As you might have guessed, they are collaborators, too, as we continue to provide a program of the highest regard.

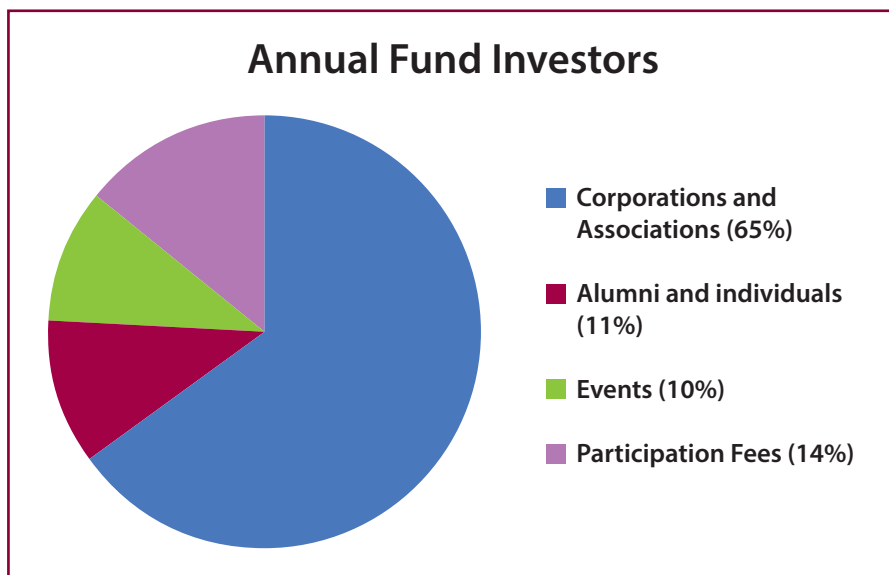
THE IALF ANNUAL FUND

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.

2015 ANNUAL FUND SUMMARY



Total Annual Fund investments received in FY 2015 = \$584,820

Corporations and associations accounted for 65% of annual fund contributions. Alumni and Individuals contributed 11%, Special Events accounted for 10% and Participation Fees made up 14% of the annual fund in FY 2015.

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
CoBank *
Country Insurance & Financial Services
Illinois Soybean Program *
John Deere & Company *
Monsanto Company
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company *

• \$10,000 - \$14,999

Illinois Corn Marketing Board
Illinois Farm Bureau *
Potash Corporation

• \$1,000 - \$4,999

Birkey's
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 *
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association *
Illinois Pork Producers Association *

• \$200 - \$999

AHW LLC
Arends and Sons Inc
Carroll Service Company
DuPage County Farm Bureau *
First State Bank of Illinois
Gallatin County Farm Bureau
GRAINCO FS, Inc
Holland & Sons, Inc.
John Volk Associates *
Kelly Sauder Rupiper Equipment, LLC
LaSalle County Farm Bureau
Livingston County Farm Bureau
Madison County Farm Bureau
Maplehurst Farms
Martin Sullivan, Inc. *

• \$15,000 - \$19,999

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

• \$5,000 - \$9,999

Anderson Foundation *
BASF Corporation
Farm Credit Illinois *
The Maschhoffs LLC *

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

Massac County Farm Bureau
McDonough County Farm Bureau *
McLean County Farm Bureau
Neff Co. - Avon
Ogle County Farm Bureau
Prudential Agricultural Investments
Sloan Implement Co, Inc
South Central FS
St. Clair County Farm Bureau *
Stephenson Service Company
Washington County Farm Bureau
West Central FS
Wm. Nobbe & Co., Inc. *
Winnebago County Farm Bureau

INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

• \$1,000 - \$4,999

Class of '84

Chet & Joy Boruff *

Dan & Pam Kelley *

Ron & Melanie Warfield

Class of '86

Dean & Cookie Campbell

Class of '96

Jeff & Rhonda Abbey *

Class of '98

Kim Morton & Ron Kok Alblas *

Class of '00

Steve Pitstick

Class of '06

Brent & Elizabeth Johnson *

Class of '08

Matt Ginder *

Class of '10

Nathan & Brittany Hasheider

Friends

Martin & Leesa Andreas *

Robert and Cheryl Easter

John & Anne Huston *

Porter & Sherrie Martin *

Enid & Lila Schlipf *

Don and Kay Norton *

Richard Ryan *

Orion & Gloria 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

Mark & Toni Kennedy

Class of '94

Rick & Mary Edwards

Kevin & Laura Haas *

Class of '96

Chuck & Janis Studer *

Class of '00

Jeff & Jill Moore

Class of '02

Steve & Gladys Arnold *

Mary Auth

Class of '06

Lane & Joyce Pickwell

Class of '08

Renee Roberts

Class of '10

Chris & Dana Gould *

Class of '12

Doug Kirk

Jeff & Jill Lynch

Matt Schoenbeck

Class of '14

Eric & Natalie Smalley

Friends

Lynn Rohrscheib

• \$250 - \$499

Class of '84

Becky & Ken Doyle

Tom Johnson

Bill & Bonnie Mullins

Alan & Susan Puzey *

Norbert & Linda Soltwedel

Class of '86

Steve & Marilyn Ayers *

George & Janet Dixon

Lynn & Mary Hiser *

Bob & Jeannie Johnson

Penny & Kristian Lauritzen *

Gary Unverfehrt *

Class of '88

Paul & Connie Rasmussen *

Class of '90

Alan & Mary Forristall *

Class of '92

Stan & Peggy Blunier *

Steve & Madeline Gustafson

David & Tricia Monier

Bob & Amy Phelps *

Steve & Sharon Schneider *

Dan & Julie Vial

Class of '94

Ken & Diane Fiedler

Class of '96

Irvin & Delila Bane *

Tim & Patricia Bittner

David & Lisa Hamman *

Class of '98

Brian & Molly Loeffler *

Ron & Deb Moore

Rick & Jan Schramm *

Jay & Brenda Timmons

Class of '00

Connie & Preston Barr *

Nick & Kayla Block *

Rick & Connie Krone *

David & Nancy Wirth

Class of '02

Jeff & Katherine Austman *

Jeff & Toni Brown

Bill & Deborah Leigh *

Peter & Megan Pistorius

Class of '04

Joe & Alicia Dierker

Brad & Sara Smith

INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

Class of '06

Jody & Lisa Ketsenburg *
Patrick Kirchhofer

Class of '08

Bob & Jill Biehl
Mark Erdman
Chet & Lori Ester *

Class of '10

Sheila & David Fowler

Class of '12

Dan & Karen Biernacki
John & Kodi Fietsam
Deb & Kevin Schultz

Class of '14

Brian & Shannon Anderson
Jeff & Christine Bunting
Tadgh & Dennis Davis
Jesse & Jennifer Edlefson

Friends

Gary & Ann Baise
Don & Betty McGillivray *

• \$100—\$249

Class of '84

Jim & Gail Frank
Ray & Ellen Hanks *
Jerry & Jill Hicks
Philip & Carmen Nelson *
Donna & James Reifschneider *
Ned and Karen Rolston

Class of '86

Randy & Susie DeSutter *
Ed & Cynthia Feeney
Larry & Tammy Fischer
Kent & Sara Kleinschmidt
Jim & Ann Wright

Class '88

Gary and Annette Huisinga

Jim and Mary McKinstry

Ken & Sara Nimrick *

Ron & Jan Reische

David Ward & Jane Courtright *

Allan & Janet Worrell *

Class of '90

Randy & Carolyn Grove *
Fritz & Sally Kuhlmeier *
Art & Jana Lehmann

Dan & Sandy Nafziger

Bob & Debbie Rhea *

Doug & Stacy Schroeder *

Bruce & Joanne Stickers

Steve & Jan Weber

Dan & Katie Wujek

Class of '92

Tom & Beth Chamberlain *
Bret & Susan Cude *
Gerry & Judy Salzman *
Jerry & Pam Snodgrass *

Class of '94

Tom Adler
Gary & Cyndy Bruch *
Ed Cooper & Patty DeBiasi

Rob Heberer *

Berton Huftalin

Jim Schroeder

Carl & Tina Schwinke

Class of '96

Susan & John Adams *
Don & Doris Cochran *

Brigitte Franzen *

Linnea & Joel Kooistra

Jackie & Mark Kraft *

Class of '98

Ray & Cathie Bunch *
Ron & Jodee Fluegel
Debbie Hamrick & Ed Gaines

John & Beth Kuhfuss *

Robb Mullins

Greg & Sandra Steele

Class of '00

Norman & Cheryl Brown
Peter & Diane Brummel *
Russ & Zan Higgins
Rick & Doris Kennay *

Michael Rauch

Class of '02

Dale & Wendy Clary
Tim & Roxanna Seifert *
Pam & Jay Smith

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

Allyn & Amy Buhrow
Allen & Heather Sasse
David & Barb Serven
Joe & Rachelle Springer
Will & Lynn Timmons *
Troy Uphoff *

Class of '08

Brad & Rhonda Baer
Kelli Basset & Rick DeAngelo
Ryan Frieders *
Kevin & Tracy Niemann *
Marty & Megan Turner

Class of '10

Sheri & Patrick Bane

INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

Jeff & Carrie Ray

Chris & Dayla Salrin

Steve & Jennifer Sheaffer

Class of '12

Jodie & Mike Brooks

John & Fowler

Bona & Jeff Heinsohn

Melinda Miller

Beau & Christina Peterson

Andy Sprague

Tim Stuenkel

Graham & Cyndi Utter

Class of '14

Spencer & Alicia Janssen

Jared & Becky Nobbe

Todd & Laura Price

Friends

Eldon & Virginia Aupperle *

John Block

Patrick Davis

Ken McMillan

Alison Myers

Tamara Nelsen

Rick Nelson

John Ross

Debi & Mike Thurow *

David Uhlman

• Up to \$99

Class of '88

John & Michelle Hilleson

Kevin & Jennifer Miller *

Class of '92

Dennis Epplin

Jim & Julie Reed

Class of '96

Katie Leigh *

Class of '98

Phil & Carolyn Corzine

Brent & Karen Myers

Class of '00

Jane Feagans

Class of '02

Norm & Barb Larson

Gary & Shari Shupe

Class of '10

Tara and Eric Bohnert Yoder

Class of '12

Sara & Carlos Fernandez

Steve & Nicole Niemann

IN KIND GIVERS

- Randy and Mary Ann Sims
- Gary and Ann Baise
- NCFC
- California Leadership Program
- Prairie Farms Dairy
- Wagner Farms
- Class of 2016 Farmhouse Dinner
 - Randy Sims
 - Gary Luth
 - John Litchfield
 - Andy Brantne
 - Ethan Luth
- Nancy Strunk

GOLF OUTING

Craig Abell – Class of '10
 Agri Gold
 - Drew Earles – Class of '12
 AHW, LLC
 Brian Walker – Class of '04
 Jeff Adkisson – Class of '04
 Brian Anderson – Class of '14
 Steve Ayers – Class of '86
 Sheri Bane – Class of '10
 Mike Baker – Class of '12
 Beck's Hybrids
 Ann Beuligmann – Class of '08
 Big R Farm Store
 Bryan Blau – Class of '14
 Nick Block – Class of '00
 Stan Blunier – Class of '92
 Tara Bohnert Yoder – Class of '10
 Andrew Bowman – Class of '14
 Andy Brantner – Class of '14
 Chad Brusveen – Class of '14
 Michael Burns – Class of '14
 Buffalo Wild Wings
 Jeff Bunting – Class of '14
 Brandt Consolidated, Inc.
 Case IH
 - Cyndi Punke – Class of '14
 - Gerry Salzman – Class of '92
 Caterpillar, Inc.
 Tom Chamberlain – Class of '92
 Class of '16
 Country Financial
 - Lindsey Rinkenberger – Class of '14
 Bret Cude – Class of '92
 Robb Creasey – Class of '14
 Ken Dalenberg – Class of '86
 Tadgh Davis – Class of '14
 Scott Deakin – Class of '12
 Brittany Dean Carter – Class of '14
 Mary Denton – Class of '08
 Keith Detwiler – Class of '10
 Diversified Services
 Douglas County Farm Bureau
 Bob Easter – IALF Board
 Stu Ellis – Class of '88
 Chet Esther – Class of '08
 Evergreen FS, Inc.
 Farm King of Macomb
 Farm N Fleet



The golf outing included Trap Shooting as an alternative event. Participants included, from left, Jeff Adkisson (IALP '04), Mary Holmes (IALP '04), and Lee Strom (IALP '88). Lee won the event, followed closely by Marc Bremer (IALP '16).

Farmers National Company
 - Bret Cude – Class of '92
 - Randy Dickhut – Class of '92
 - Dennis Hoyt – Class of '04
 First State Bank of Illinois
 - Andy Bastert – Class of '06
 John Fietsam – Class of '12
 Alan Forristall – Class of '90
 Sheila Fowler – Class of '10
 Julie Gerdes – Class of '14
 Andrew Goodrich – Class of '10
 Chris Gould – Class of '10
 Lynda Gould – Class of '14
 Grain and Feed Association of Illinois
 - Jeff Adkisson – Class of '04
 Meghan Grebner – Class of '10
 Joe Grider – Class of '10
 Randy Grove – Class of '90
 GROWMARK, Inc.
 Heather Hampton & Knodle – Class of '98
 Tim Harris – Class of '00
 Nathan Hashieder – Class of '10
 Hilton Hotels
 Lynn Hiser – Class of '86
 Home Depot

John Huston – IALF Board
 Illinois Department of Agriculture
 Illinois Pork Producers
 John Deere Company
 - Keith Soltwedel – Class of '98
 Tom Jennings – Class of '06
 Chris Kallal – Class of '08
 Dan Kelley – Class of '84,
 IALF Board
 John Kellogg – Class of '86
 Kinderhook Lodge
 - Andy Sprague – Class of '12
 Kara Kinney – Class of '10
 Dave Koehn – Class of '10
 Ladd Farm Market - Kubota
 Penny Lauritzen – Class of '86
 Loeffler Farms
 - Brian Loeffler Class of '98
 John Longley – Class of '92
 Krista Lottinville – Class of '16
 Haley Loy-Siergiej – Class of '10
 MARCO NPK, Inc.
 - Brain Waddell – Class of '10
 Matt McClelland – Class of '10
 Memes Associates, Ltd
 - Pinakin Desai – Class of '14
 Menards

GOLF OUTING

Met Life Agricultural Investments

- Troy Fischer – Class of '04

Blake Miller – Class of '10

Cory Mitchell – Class of '10

Monsanto Company

- John Fietsam – Class of '12

Kim Morton – Class of '98,

IALF Board

Mosaic Foundation

Mullins Grain

- Robb Mullins – Class of '98

Ryan Murphy – Class of '14

Nick Nagele – Class of '14

Niemann Grain Farms

- Kevin Niemann – Class of '08

North Central Bank

- Deb Schultz – Class of '12

IALA Board

NASCAR

Kay and Don Norton,

IALF President

Olive Garden

Osborn Barr Communications

- Michael Turley – Class of '96

Bob Phelps – Class of '92

Rodney Phelps – Class of '14

Pilot Knob Comforts

- Andrew and Karlie Bowman – Class of '14 & '16

Pioneer Hi-Bred

Steve Pitstick – Class of '00,

IALA Board

Potash Corporation

Prairie Farms Dairy

Cyndi Punke – Class of '14

Jeff Ray – Class of '10

Jim Reed – Class of '92

Reusch, Butler & Associates

RTS Farms

- Tim Seifert – Class of '02

Rural King

Lindsey Rinkenberger – Class of '14

Richard Ryan – IALF Board

Chris Salrin – Class of '10

David Scheffler – Class of '10

Steve Schneider – Class of '92

Deb Schultz – Class of '12

Mike Shane – Class of '14

Steve Sheaffer – Class of '10

Gary Shupe – Class of '92

Siemer Milling Company

- Connie Barr – Class of '00

Springfield Plastics

- Brad Baker – Class of '12

State Bank of Davis

- Brent Myers – Class of '98

Stewart Farms Partnership

- Bob Stewart – Class of '06

- Brad Stewart – Class of '12

Rod Stoll – Class of '00

Grant Strom – Class of '10

Tim Stuenkel – Class of '12

Thorncreek Insurance Services, Inc.

- Bill Knight – Class of '04

Will and Lynn Timmons –

Class of '06

Tractor Supply Company

Brian Waddell – Class of '10

Wal-Mart

Wells Fargo & Agribusiness

- Ed Cooper – Class of '94

Steve Wentworth – Class of '84

Whiskey Acres

- Nick Nagele – Class of '14

- Jamie Walter – Class of '08

Woodhaven Lakes Realty, Inc.

Woody True Value Hardware

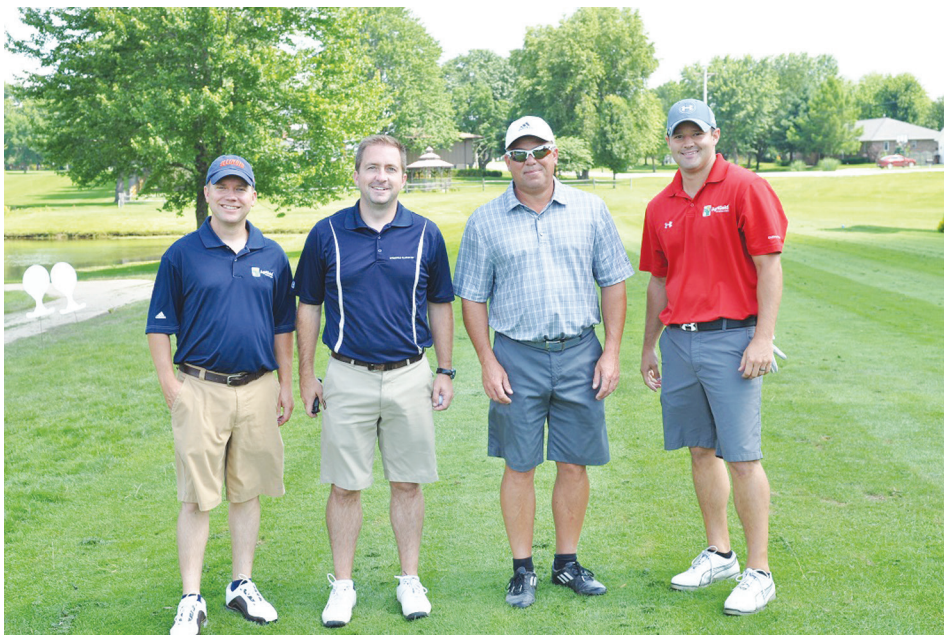
Jim Wright – Class of '86

Wyffels Hybrids, Inc

- Brent Johnson – Class of '06

Zeldenrust Farm Market

- Ruth Zeldenrust – Class of '14



The winning foursome of the 2015 Golf Outing includes, from left, Drew Earles (IALP '12), Brad Baker (IALP '12), Scott Deakin (IALP '12) and Travis Huddleston.

Golf Outing sponsored by:



Dinner sponsored by:



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

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CLASS OF 2016



The 17th Class of the IALF will graduate in August of 2016. The Class of 2016 began with the Joyce Watson Leadership Orientation Seminar held in August. During this seminar, class members and their spouses learn about the program specifics.



The Kim Morton Seminar on National Agriculture Policy was held at the University of Illinois and class members strategized their approach to the Agricultural Literacy projects.



The Communication Excellence Seminar, Sponsored by Archer Daniels Midland, was held at John Deere World Headquarters in Moline, and featured hands-on public speaking and interpersonal skill development taught by corporate professionals.



The Leadership and Professionalism Seminar, sponsored by Cargill, allowed class members to explore their leadership and personality styles, while learning from experienced IALP alumni. Howard Buffett spoke to the group about agriculture and philanthropy.

THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CLASS OF 2016



The Richard Ryan Seminar on Economics and the Marketplace featured a presentation on creativity in business, led by Metropolitan Opera ballet dancer John Michael Schert.



The Media Relations Seminar was held in Chicago and continued the tradition of having the class interviewed by Hall of Fame Broadcaster Orion Samuelson.



The GROWMARK Global Challenges Seminar featured a tour of the USDA National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (the “Ag Lab”) in Peoria.

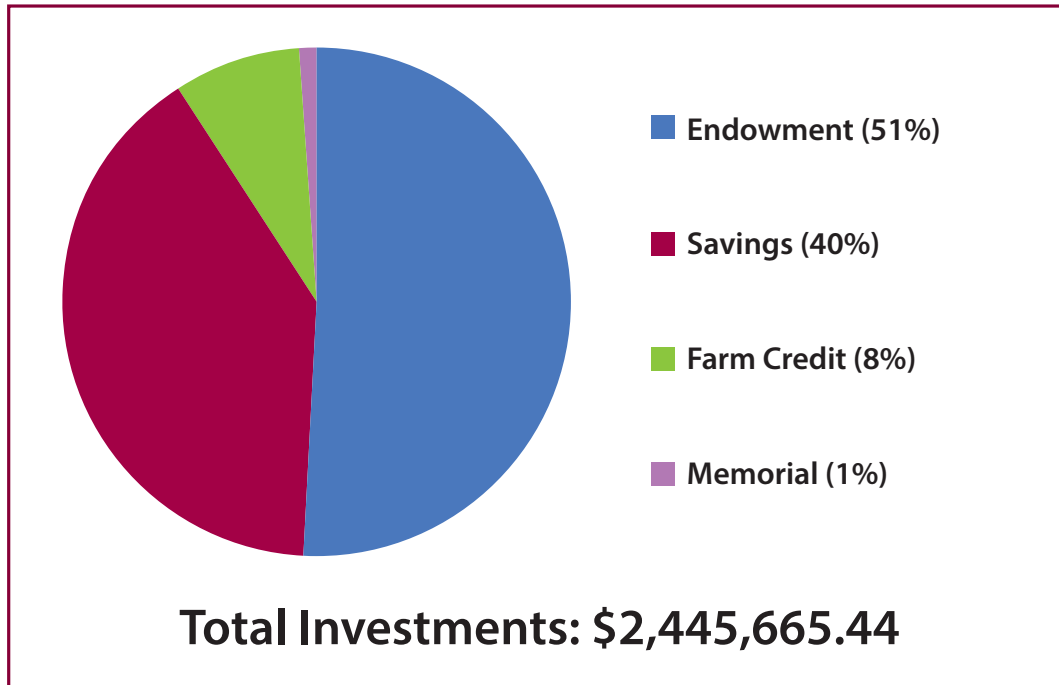


The National Study Seminar sponsored by Monsanto featured leadership lessons on the battlefield at Gettysburg. The class also visited the USDA for a meeting with Michael Alston, a 2008 program graduate.



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 2015. The accounts are managed under direction of the Finance Committee of the IALF Board of Directors.



Investment Account	9/30/2014	9/30/2015	Change
Endowment	1,341,457	1,244,549	(96,908)
Savings	990,237	987,366	(2,871)
Farm Credit Illinois	232,257	201,947	(30,310)
Memorial	12,493	11,804	(689)
Total Invested Funds	\$2,576,444	\$2,445,666	(130,778)

ENDOWMENTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Eight of the seminars in our flagship two-year 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 Don Norton, 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 Services** and **1st Farm Credit Services** in Illinois combined to fund the “Farm Credit Seminar on Innovation & Change.”
- **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.
- **Martin L. Andreas** funds the “Martin L. Andreas Energy Outlook 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 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.
- **Archer Daniels Midland** provides funding for the “Communication Excellence Seminar” held at the John Deere World Headquarters in Moline
- **Cargill** provides funding for the “Cargill Seminar on Leadership and Professionalism” held at Kinderhook Lodge.



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NOTES

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 Cattleman's Beef Association

Steve Pitstick, President, Illinois Agricultural Leadership Alumni and Owner, Pitstick Farms

Renee Roberts, Vice President of Refined Oil Sales, Archer Daniels Midland Company

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

Tami Craig Shilling, Global Community Engagement Lead, Monsanto

Enid Schlipf, President of Schlipf Farms, Inc.

Ron Warfield, Farmer and Past President, Illinois Farm Bureau

Board Emeritus

Orion Samuelson, Agribusiness Services Director, WGN Radio

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 2014 Fiscal Year of the IALF (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015). 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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