

2017 REPORT CARD

Leadership Iowa University is designed to educate, inspire and develop young leaders as the foundation for Iowa’s future economic growth and to encourage their on-going involvement in local communities and the state to create a better future for all Iowans.

Program Participants: 17
41% Male; 59% Female

100% of participants were employed during the summer of 2017 (job and/or internship)
76% are employed during both the school year and summer (job and/or internship)

Colleges Represented: 9

Central College, Coe College, Des Moines Area Community College, Dordt College, Iowa State University, Simpson College, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, University of Northern Iowa, Wartburg College

Students were asked to rank their level of knowledge on a scale of 1-5 (1=strongly disagree; 2=disagree; 3=neither agree nor disagree; 4=agree; 5=strongly agree) after the August session of Leadership Iowa University. The results are based on the average of each response.

*“After Leadership Iowa University, I feel **more** familiar or comfortable with...”:*

Leadership styles	4.29
Networking	4.82
Group Dynamics	4.29
Benefits of business competition	3.82
Creativity & innovation in Iowa	4.82
Products made in Iowa and Iowa’s commodities	4.53
Various types of business and how they function (generally)	4.59
Entrepreneur ecosystem in Iowa	4.41
Corporate citizenship/responsibility and volunteerism	4.65
Iowa companies/industries important to our state	4.82
Awareness of quality of life issues	3.59

“After Leadership Iowa University, I now have...”:

Expanded network of Iowa professionals I can use as resources	4.94
Increased awareness of the variety of opportunities available Iowa	4.71
Better understanding of personal strengths and how they benefit me	4.71
Clearer picture of personal/professional goals and how to attain them	4.32
Enhanced set of knowledge/skills to succeed in the future	4.53

Entrepreneurship: **I have thought about starting my own business:** 59%

Iowa Perspective: **I plan to stay in Iowa after I finish school:** Yes 65% No 0% Undecided 35%
 I plan to attend additional schooling: Yes 24%

2017 STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"I loved the atmosphere at LIU. I learned that the greatest connections you'll make are those not in your field and to reach out and learn about those around you." – **Logan Angstead, Iowa State University**

"Leadership Iowa University was all of the best parts of Iowa shown to you through incredible experiences and opportunities!" – **Allison Cahill, Wartburg College**

"LIU was an incredible experience that can be compared to none. The professionals that you meet are always interested in your future career goals, and they do their best to guide you on the right path to achieving those goals." – **Keaton Hoogendoorn, Dordt College**

"Leadership Iowa University makes you think more about your future and ignites your passion about business. It was a fabulous week and any student would be lucky to be a part of it." – **Amara Hobbs, Iowa State University**

"LIU is a great way to grow and develop through networking and exposure to Iowa's career opportunities. I learned about everything from creating my personal brand to managing my finances." – **Deann Irlmeier, Des Moines Area Community College**

"Although I'm not originally from Iowa, LIU expanded my knowledge on career opportunities and industries available in Iowa, and provided me with connections and friendships I would not have obtained elsewhere." – **Allie Karpurk, Simpson College**

"I learned so much about the state and the industries here. LIU not only introduces you to great professionals in top industries, but also amazing people that turn in to even better friends." – **Cassie Marvin, Iowa State University**

"LIU opened my mind to the possibilities all around me in Iowa. I know now that there are many business opportunities in a variety of capacities and I plan to strongly consider making my move to Iowa permanent. I also discovered a new found confidence in my skills as a young professional." – **Sierra Menzies, Coe College**

"I went out of my comfort zone by entering this program and I'm so glad that I did. I met some great people, made new friends, and connected with incredible leaders from around the community that I will continue to be in contact with in the future. This was a great opportunity to learn more about what Iowa has to offer and I had a great time!" – **Drew Owen, Iowa State University**

"LIU is a great opportunity to meet wonderful people, learn about Iowa businesses, and gain a new perspective on Iowa." – **Jake Sprecher, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

"Leadership Iowa University has provided me with the platform to learn about the endless opportunities in Iowa, as well as connect with professionals who will continue to help me build my network." – **Hanna Stater, University of Northern Iowa**

"I have grown and learned so much during this week at LIU. This program made me step outside of my comfort zone and the experiences I've had and connections I've made are invaluable!" – **Josie Stiemsma, Dordt College**

"LIU is a unique opportunity that all college students should consider. The program taught me how to network and prepared me for the professional world. It was a great experience and I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to attend." – **Meredith Wallerich, University of Northern Iowa**

"If you are passionate about the great state of Iowa or want to learn why it is, do not hesitate to participate in LIU! I have built a network of people and quality relationships that I would not have otherwise without LIU and its sponsors." – **Carter Miller, Iowa State University**