

Leadership Wisconsin *Proven Success!*

In 2008 **LEADERSHIP WISCONSIN**, formerly the Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program, conducted an extensive and in-depth evaluation of the program's impact. Through interviews, surveys, and focus groups feedback was sought from fellows, alumni, specialists in leadership training locally and from around the country, along with community members who have witnessed the impact of our alumni.



We learned that Leadership Wisconsin is a positive life-changing experience for fellows and a benefit to communities and our state as a whole. Fellows told us they feel more open and confident. They improved their

leadership skills and abilities. They developed a greater appreciation of the breadth and depth of state, national and global issues and a greater perspective and value for the diversity of viewpoints on issues.



While every category measured yielded an increase, here are some of the more significant results.

96% Alumni believed the experience was "very important" or "important" in increasing their leadership skills and abilities.

90% Alumni felt the program was "very important" or "important" in developing their knowledge and understanding of *Wisconsin, national, and global issues*.

50% Alumni use the knowledge and skills they gained through the program once a day.

69% Alumni hold or have held elected positions for school boards, town and county boards as well as the state legislature.

23% More Alumni use the knowledge and leadership skills at least once a week, even many years later.

87% Alumni serve as board members for area hospitals, community and/or civic organizations.

25% More Alumni use the knowledge and leadership skills at least once a month, even many years later.

47% Alumni are involved in organizations that support their professions or industries.

Since our inception in 1983, we have wisely recognized the interconnection and value of offering a broad, diverse, global, cutting-edge curriculum to our fellows, resulting in being recognized as **"one of the exemplary leadership development programs in the nation."**