

# LEADERSHIP UNLIMITED



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## Leadership Tomorrow Class 39

This insert has been prepared to provide an opportunity for Hall County residents to experience the wealth of information and opportunities provided to the participants in the Leadership Tomorrow program. Leadership Tomorrow is an educational program offered by Hall County Leadership Unlimited, Inc., a non-profit Corporation formed in 1987. The Board of Directors and Executive Director invite you to learn about Hall County with Leadership Tomorrow.

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**Jessica Hendricks,**  
Executive Director  
Leadership Unlimited  
LT Class 25

energy, enthusiasm, and dedication have not gone unnoticed.

To our friends and partners across Hall County: I invite you to connect with these outstanding graduates. Each member of Class 39 has identified areas of passion and purpose, and they are eager to continue making a difference through volunteerism and board service. If your organization is looking for committed, community-minded leaders, look no further.

This year, Class 39 took on several impactful projects that reflect the heart of Leadership Unlimited. They organized a donation drive benefiting Heartland CASA and Hope Harbor, partnered with Grand Island Tourism to assist with the development of a new mobile app,

Congratulations, Class 39, on a remarkable year of growth, service, and leadership!

It has been a true pleasure to work alongside each of you as you've embraced the mission of Leadership Unlimited, committing to personal development and making a meaningful impact on our community. Your

supported the Central Nebraska Housing Coalition with marketing initiatives, and brought joy to pediatric cancer patients by hosting a special Easter Egg Hunt. Their efforts truly brought our mission to life—servant leadership in action.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our session sponsors and presenters. Your generosity and expertise are vital to the success of this program. Please take a moment to view the full list of this year's supporters in the pages that follow.

A special thank-you goes to the Kaufmann-Cummings Foundation for once again making this insert possible. It continues to serve not only as a keepsake for graduates, but also as a valuable resource for organizations seeking future leaders and volunteers.

Once again, congratulations to the Leadership Unlimited Class 39! It has been an honor to grow, learn, and lead with you this year.

With gratitude,  
Jessica Hendricks  
Executive Director  
Leadership Unlimited  
LT Class 25



**Rainielle Tonniges,**  
2025 Leadership  
Unlimited Board Chair  
LT Class 34

you have developed further leadership skills, made a decision to pursue serving our great community, and as all classes before you, you must have the courage to let other LT classes know that Class 39 is the best class.

I would also like to congratulate the recent graduates of our Youth Leadership Tomorrow program. YLT Class 28 is full of amazing young people who have truly shown us what leadership, passion, and purpose is all about. These are the faces of our future leaders, and we are extremely excited to see what the future holds for them.

Being a part of LT class 34 has helped me to develop my leadership skills as well as knowledge about my community. I have always had an appreciation for everyone's different life story and experiences, but being a part of LT and the LU Board has just

On behalf of the 2025 Leadership Unlimited Board of Directors, I am honored to compliment the Leadership Tomorrow Class 39 on their graduation! Making a nine-month commitment in your already busy lives is such a testament to the dedication not only to yourself now, but to your future. I have confidence that during your time in LT, you have developed

grown my heart for that. It has allowed me to have a strong connection and passion for working for the community and becoming a better listener. Given the tools to expand my leadership skills, I have a strengthened knowledge that even if you feel like a small pebble, you can make a big ripple. Getting involved is the first step to change.

Lastly, I would like to thank the excellent staff of Leadership Unlimited. Samantha Moss, Program Coordinator and her commitment to the YLT program, and Maria Vasquez, Community Engagement Coordinator and her dedication to the Elevate program, among all their additional responsibilities to support Leadership Unlimited. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Jessica Hendricks, Executive Director. She pours her heart and soul into strengthening the LT program as well as the Leadership Unlimited mission, as a whole. We are extremely proud and grateful to have her as our Executive Director. These ladies do a wonderful job to guarantee the success of all our programs. They have a passion for serving others, and our community. Along with the Board of Directors, they always strive to bring beneficial opportunities to individuals and businesses in Hall County. I am pleased to know and work with these wonderful people.

Congratulations, class 39! We look forward to seeing you in leadership roles in our community for years to come.

Rainielle Tonniges  
2025 Leadership Unlimited Board Chair

## 2025 Leadership Unlimited Board of Directors

*The mission of Leadership Unlimited is to identify and educate proven and potential leaders who are committed to developing and utilizing positive leadership skills to improve our community.*



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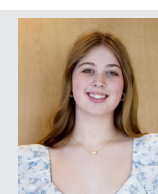
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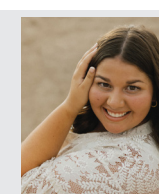
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Jason Allan has been with the Grand Island Police Department for 18 years and currently serves as a Patrol Lieutenant. He graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, and he holds a Master of Science Degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego. Jason enjoys teaching youth the safety and skills involved in various shooting sports as a volunteer Hall County 4H shooting sports instructor. In his free time, he enjoys spending time outside and camping with his wife and three children.

"Leadership Tomorrow has allowed me to network with other professionals in the Grand Island area while building an understanding of our civic responsibilities in the community.

The monthly meetings and facility tours have taught me how non-profit and local businesses interconnect within the community to make Grand Island great."

#### Areas of Interest:

Human Service, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development



Constantina (Connie) Boesen works as Engagement and Inclusion Manager at Bosselman Enterprises in Grand Island.

Originally from Romania, she earned a Bachelor's degree in International Business and Economics from Alexandru Ioan Cuza University in Iasi before moving to the United States. Since 2017, Connie has called Grand Island home, where she and her husband, Ryan, are raising their two daughters, Olivia (5) and Julia (3). She is actively involved in the community, serving on the YWCA Grand Island Board of Directors, as a member of the Grand Island Welcoming Coalition, and most recently, as a part of the Elevate Grand Island committee. Beyond her professional and community roles, Connie enjoys paddleboarding and spending time outdoors with family and friends.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been an invaluable experience, allowing me to connect with leaders across our community, gain deeper insights into local industries, and grow both personally and professionally. This program played a key role in my recent promotion, reinforcing the power of meaningful connections and community engagement."

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Education, Health, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development



Matt Carmin is a passionate coach and project coordinator with over 15 years of experience in manufacturing and a degree in Advanced Manufacturing Technology. With his beginning starting out in Tool and Die, the details are what sets him apart from the group. As a project coordinator Matt has organized multiple projects from large scale buildings and internal layouts to small workstation ergonomic improvements.

In his spare time, Matt is normally found coaching youth archery, volunteering with the Nebraska Sports Council, Nebraska State Archery Association, Third City Archers, Nebraska Game and Parks, or the local and state 4-H shooting sports programs. With his wife Becky by his side for over 20 years they are an unbeatable pair of educators in the youth shooting sports fields. They also have 2 daughters that are involved with multiple sports and take up all the extra free time available.

"This experience has allowed me to visit people and businesses that I would not have otherwise. The connections that I have made here will last my lifetime."

#### Areas of Interest:

Youth Development



Joe Coufal is a Physical Therapist for Live Well Physical Therapy. Joe was born and raised in Broomfield, Colorado. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Exercise Science from Regis University in Denver and his Doctorate of Physical Therapy with honors from Creighton University. While in PT school, Joe had a clinical rotation at Livewell, which first exposed him to the Grand Island community. After that positive experience he decided to move to Grand Island full time and has been with LiveWell for the past four years. Beyond work, Joe loves spending time with his wife, Rebecca. Together they welcomed a little girl, Maeleigh, to their family in 2025, to accompany her furry brothers and sister; Shadow, Reginald, and Bella (all dachshunds). Outside of time with family and friends, Joe loves to golf, travel, and hike when he has the chance.

"Having grown up outside of the Grand Island Community and still being a new face to town, Leadership Tomorrow has granted me the opportunity to vastly grow my knowledge and understanding of the community. Through tours of local facilities and schools plus exposure to nonprofits and businesses in town, we are provided the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of our city to a depth that most do not get the opportunity to. Combine that with the chance to meet and network with other professionals and local leaders, you leave feeling like you can actually have an impact in your community. And that is what Leadership Tomorrow is all about."

#### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Education, Health, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development and Retention



Hailey Dixon is a Relationship Manager at Bruning Bank in Grand Island. After graduating from Aurora High School in 2017, Hailey pursued a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry Health Sciences from Wayne State College. Hailey is involved in the community, currently serving as a Chamber Connector and is a member of the Discover Grand Island program committee.

Outside of work, Hailey enjoys gardening, working out, and spending quality time with her friends and family.

"Leadership Tomorrow has opened my eyes to the many aspects of my community that I may have never known about. It has also equipped me with valuable skills to connect with others and guide them towards achieving greatness. This experience has shaped my ability to inspire positive change and chase my dreams."

#### Areas of Interest:

Health, Human Services, Arts and Culture, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development



Brad Feik is a Wealth Advisor for Allen Capital Group. After graduating from Spalding High School, he studied at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Middle Grades Education. Following graduation from UNL, Brad spent 5 years working as a middle school science teacher before earning his Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Doane University. He continued to work for another 5 years as a teacher and administrator before joining Allen Capital Group in his current role. Brad is now a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER® and enjoys building lasting relationships with his clients and coworkers. In his spare time, Brad enjoys spending time with his wife and his two kids.

Anytime he and his family can enjoy the outdoors, get to the boat to enjoy the water, or watch a Husker game, they take advantage of it. Brad and his family are members of Third City Christian Church and enjoy serving and greeting.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been a fantastic experience for me. I've enjoyed the opportunity to meet and learn from great, like-minded people in our group who have an immediate impact on our community. The tours of local businesses have not only been enjoyable, but I've learned so much about the impact that each business has on the success of our community. We truly have some amazing businesses, leaders, and individuals in the Greater Grand Island Area."

#### Areas of Interest:

Finance, Community Improvement, Education, Youth Development



Tyler Garrett is a Physical Therapist at GO Physical Therapy in Grand Island. A 2014 graduate of Grand Island Northwest High School, Tyler went on to Wayne State College, where he played football and earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in Psychology. After completing his undergraduate studies, he earned his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of South Dakota before returning to Grand Island to begin his career. Outside of work, Tyler enjoys spending time with his wife, Alexandria, and their two children, Stella (5) and Huxton (1). He is also passionate about golfing, fishing, and watching football during the fall season.

"Leadership Tomorrow has truly opened my eyes to the incredible work being done within our community. The chance to explore local organizations and see how they contribute to the greater good has been both inspiring and educational. Beyond the tours and learning experiences, connecting with fellow participants and gaining insights from a diverse group of professionals has been invaluable. I'm grateful for this opportunity and excited to apply what I've learned to further strengthen our community."

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Education, Health, Human Services, Youth Development



Staci Geis is the Benefits Administrator at Chief Industries, Inc. She holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Management and Human Resource Management from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Growing up in Grand Island, she returned to her roots in 2015 to pursue her career and started at Chief Industries, Inc. Staci currently serves on the Leadership Unlimited Board of Directors, helping to build and develop the current and future leaders of Hall County. She was selected as a Top 35 Under 35 by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce in 2020 and holds a SHRM-CP from the Society for Human Resource Management. Staci stays busy being a chaos coordinator, mom taxi, and spending time with her husband, Justin, and two children – Harrison (4) and Weston (2).

"Leadership Tomorrow has allowed me to view my community through a different lens, revealing the essential but often unseen work of many within our community including public service and non-profits. The program prompted deep reflection about my leadership identity—challenging me to examine my current approach and clarify the leader I aspire to become. Through this journey, my understanding of community systems and my capacity to create meaningful change has fundamentally shifted."

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Education, Environment, Youth Development



## JOSELYNE GUTIERREZ



Joselyne Gutierrez, Personal Banker at First National Bank of Omaha. After graduating from Grand Island Senior High in 2014, I started my career in banking, working at Five Points bank as a teller, and switched to FNBO in 2018 to become a Personal banker. Since then, I have enjoyed helping customers meet their financials goals, to an 18-year-old build up credit to purchase their first car, or new parents looking for guidance on how to be approved for a home loan. In my spare time, I love spending time with my 7-year-old son, Nolan and my boyfriend Abel. We like to spend time watching Nolan play soccer and going to Nolan's favorite place the Omaha Zoo. I also enjoy spending time with my coworkers who are like my second family.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been an amazing opportunity; I have acquired numerous skills from our class and from all the speakers that we had in each of our sessions. Diversity is big in our community, and I aspire to be a great Latina leader in Grand Island."

### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Community Improvement, Youth development & All areas that better my community.

## ALEX HAMANN



Alex Hamann serves as the Renew Nebraska Program Manager for Conservation Nebraska, a statewide nonprofit focusing on natural resource and environmental issues. Alex grew up in Lincoln, NE, graduating from Lincoln High in 2018 and Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2022 with a degree in economics and Mandarin Chinese. Alex moved to Grand Island in early 2024. Alex has made significant efforts to embed himself in the Grand Island community. He is a board member for the Noon Rotary Club, Youth Leadership Tomorrow, the Chamber Young Professionals, and a cofounder of 1MillionCups GI. He is also involved with other efforts like the Creative District, the Welcoming Initiative, the Grand Island Tree Board, and more. In his free time, Alex can be found playing tennis, soccer, or video games. He also likes to cook and tell himself he is going to start reading more books.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been an incredible introduction behind the scenes of Grand Island and the county and state more broadly. I have learned so much about a wide variety of topics from interesting products produced in GI to disaster preparedness in Hall County or even how an idea becomes law in our unicameral. If you are interested in becoming more involved in Grand Island, I think there is no more effective way to do so than through participating in the next LT cohort. This is an asset unique to our community and I encourage anyone who is considering it to dive right in."

### Areas of Interest:

Arts and Culture, Community Improvement, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development

## ABBY HARGENS



Abby Hargens is a Controller at Grand Island Regional Medical Center. After graduating from Centura Public School, she studied at University of Nebraska-Omaha where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She emphasized in Accounting, Banking & Financial Markets, and Business Finance, and minored in Management. She returned to Grand Island for work and went on to earn her Master of Science in Accounting from Keller Graduate School of Management (DeVry University). Abby enjoys spending time with her dog Harvey, making sure to hit all the trails in Grand Island. She also loves to spend time with friends and family and completing a challenging jigsaw puzzle in her free time.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been an amazing experience to learn more about our community and understand its needs better. LT provided the opportunity to bring in different businesses, non-profits, and community leaders, giving me the chance to become informed about areas of the community I might have not been previously exposed to. I'm thankful for the connections with other professionals throughout the process and the chance for us to make an impact on the community together."

### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Community Improvement, Education, Recreation & Fitness, Youth Development

## MITCH LIBERTY



Mitch Liberty is the Personal Lines Insurance Manager at Highstreet Insurance & Financial Services in Grand Island. After graduating from Falls City Public High School, he studied and earned his bachelor's degree in Lincoln at Nebraska Wesleyan University. It was there he met his wife, Janae. Mitch was also a 4 year letter-winner for the men's NWU basketball program. After graduating, he began his insurance career and worked in Nebraska and Missouri for two insurance agencies. In 2019, he moved to Grand Island and furthered his insurance career with Highstreet Insurance, formerly the GTA Insurance Group. Mitch and his wife Janae have 3 amazing children - Lana (6), Luke (3) and Kallum (1). He loves playing outside with them, spending time at the family cabin in the summer and watching the horse races. In his free time, he enjoys being active with basketball, golf and the gym.

"Leadership Tomorrow has given me a better understanding of the Grand Island Community, the businesses and services I didn't know were available here, and the leadership it takes to make a community thrive. We've had the opportunity to tour local businesses, gain knowledge from local leaders on many topics, and challenge ourselves personally and professionally. My favorite part has been building connections and relationships with our class members."

### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Recreation and Fitness, Youth Development.

## SAMMIE MASON



Sammie Mason is the Recruiting and Development Specialist for GIX Logistics. After graduating from Grand Island Senior High School in 2012, she studied at Central Community College where she earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration. Sammie has been with GIX for 8 years. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her 12-year-old daughter, Addi, and their 5-year-old Golden Retriever, Banx.

"Leadership Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to network with professionals within the Grand Island community. This program has also allowed me to become more aware of what is happening within our community and has given me access to committees to help me get more involved. This has been such a great experience and I'm looking forward to getting more involved and continuing to make connections with the great leaders in Grand Island!"

### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Community Improvement, Education, Youth Development, Recreation and Fitness.

## TRISHA MANDOLIDIS



Trisha Manolidis is the Marketing Coordinator/Corporate Secretary at Equitable Bank. After graduating from Grand Island Senior High School, she studied at Doane College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art and Psychology. Following graduation from Doane College, Trisha moved to Lincoln where she worked for Commercial Federal Bank and later Ameritas Life Insurance. Trisha and her family eventually moved back to Grand Island. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends and getting out on the golf course. Trisha is married to her husband, Braden, and has 2 children - Cooper (15) and Makenna (13), as well as 2 dogs, Perry and Henry.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been such a great opportunity to grow as a professional in Grand Island. It has provided us a chance to learn about other businesses and non-profits in our community while connecting with other professionals on a more personal level. I've learned valuable leadership skills to implement at work and in other future leadership roles. Overall, Leadership Tomorrow has been a very rewarding experience, and I look forward to growing because of everything I've learned."

### Areas of Interest:

Arts and Culture, Community Improvement, Education, Youth Development

## CASSIE MINOR



Cassie Minor is a Portfolio Reporting Specialist at Amur in Grand Island. After graduating from Beatrice High School in 2011, she earned a degree in Public Accounting, Finance, and Economics from Wayne State College in 2015, then moved to Grand Island to start her career. Cassie contributes to The Good Life Rescue as an Adoption/Foster Coordinator and serves on the Fundraising and Events Committees. She is also part of the Habitat for Humanity Finance Committee and the Leadership Unlimited Discover Grand Island Committee. In her free time, she enjoys being with family and friends, either at home or traveling.

"Leadership Tomorrow has been a rewarding and engaging experience, allowing me to meet community members I wouldn't have otherwise met. It deepened my understanding of the nonprofits and collaborative efforts making Grand Island a great place to be. Getting to know my classmates and others has been invaluable."

### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Community Improvement, Education, Environment, and Human Services.

## SARA MOORE



Sara Moore is employed with Hope Harbor as the Facilities Manager. She graduated from the University of Nebraska - Kearney with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and a minor in Social Work. Sara currently serves as the Board President Emeritus for Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity and is Board Secretary for the Merrick County Historical Museum. In the past she has worked for agencies providing behavioral health and employment services. She is passionate about enhancing the quality of life for those in need. She is passionate about enhancing the quality of life for those in need. Sara is active in community fellowships and committees with Leadership Unlimited.

"Leadership Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to branch out into the community to learn about different businesses and partnerships. It's given me new tools to add to my leadership toolkit while connecting me with other professionals outside of my day-to-day work. It's allowed me to be part of conversations that are forward focused on changes for our thriving community."

### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Human Services, Youth Development, Arts & Culture, Education, All Areas that better my community



Claire Nelson is a Credit Officer at Amur Equipment Finance in downtown Grand Island. She graduated from Grand Island Northwest High School in 2014 and pursued a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. During her time in Lincoln, she spent six years working at Union Bank & Trust as a Loan Officer and Branch Manager. Claire moved back to Grand Island in October of 2020 and stepped into her role at Amur. Claire currently serves on the Grand Island Area Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, helping bring affordable, attainable housing to our community. In her free time, Claire stays busy with her family, including her fiancé, Jaydn, and two children – Shirley (2) and Amelia (6 months).

“Leadership Tomorrow has been an incredible experience, allowing me to see firsthand how our community collaborates and thrives. From behind-the-scenes tours of local businesses to learning about the vital work of our local non-profits, this program has truly opened my eyes even more to all Grand Island has to offer. The opportunity to connect with professionals from diverse industries has been just as valuable, creating meaningful relationships that will last beyond the program. I’m grateful for this experience and excited to stay involved in our community’s growth!”

#### Areas of Interest:

Animal Welfare, Community Improvement, Education, Human Services, Youth Development



Jenny Roush is the Community Outreach Coordinator for CHI Health Regional Cancer Centers in Grand Island and Kearney. She grew up in Alliance, NE and graduated from high school at St. Agnes Academy and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Kearney State College in Exercise Science. Jenny currently serves on the Tobacco Free Hall County and Prevention Project Coalitions, GRACE Cancer Foundation Gala Committee, Husker Harvest Days, Community Health Improvement Team and the Patient and Employee Experience Teams at CHI Health St. Francis. Jenny has worked as CHI Health for over 37 years and enjoys teaching CPR to people in the community and volunteering at the NE State Fair. Jenny and her husband Quinn have three grown children- Whitney (Collin Martin), Jake (Emily Roush), Haley (Gabe Hewen) and currently three grandchildren. Mason, Reid, and Harper Love.

“Leadership Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to meet other professionals in the community and grow those relationships. I have enjoyed getting to know class members on a personal level. We have gone out for coffee and lunch dates and this has made this class worth every minute.”

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Environment, Recreation and Fitness, Health and Youth Development



Morgan Osborn is the Customer Care Quality Specialist at Amur Equipment Finance. She graduated from Northwest High School in 2013, received her associate’s degree from CCC, and then earned her bachelor’s degree in history from Hastings College. You can find Morgan in the garden as that is her favorite place to be. In her spare time, Morgan enjoys spending time with her family. She and her husband, Kevin, reside in Grand Island and enjoy being outdoors. The couple stays busy chasing their son, Shane (3), daughter Charleigh (almost 1), and two dogs.

“Leadership Tomorrow has allowed me to learn about the challenges and wins within my community. I now look at my community differently as a voter and a parent. I am excited to find a nonprofit to volunteer for, as this was previously an opportunity where I wasn’t sure where to begin. I am so grateful for this experience!”

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Environment, and Recreation and Fitness



Fernando Sanchez is the Health Project Manager at Central District Health Department in Grand Island. He graduated from Lexington High School in 2013 and pursued a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from UNK. Currently he is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree from UNMC. Fernando is heavily involved in the community and takes pride in the work that he does to serve the community. He is a Big for Big Brothers Big Sisters, a board member on the UNL Hall County Extension, middle school soccer coach, and he also served in the Nebraska National Guard for 8 years. Fernando loves spending time with wife and daughter, and they are excited to share they are expecting a baby in September.

“Leadership Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to learn more from leaders around our community. I have now had the experience to develop new relationships that will help me grow on a personal and professional level. We have had the opportunity to visit several organizations who are doing amazing work in our community, which I would have never known about otherwise.”

#### Areas of Interest:

Youth Development, Community Improvement, Health



Justin Pfeil is the Controller at Eakes Office Solutions in Grand Island. He graduated from Doniphan-Trumbull High School in 2006 and continued his education at Central Community College in Hastings before earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Professional Accounting from Hastings College. Justin currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer on the Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska Operating Board.

Justin enjoys spending time with his wife, Tina, and their children—Sophia (10), Madelyn (8), and Reid (7)—on their family homestead with their many farm animals. Throughout the year, he is often found attending his children’s activities or coaching their sports teams.

“Leadership Tomorrow has been an eye-opening experience for me. It helped break down the silos we often find ourselves living in and provided a broader perspective of the area I’ve called home for many years. Through this program, I gained valuable insights into our community and its businesses. I also forged strong relationships with my classmates and established meaningful connections with local leaders.”

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Education, Recreation and Fitness



Jamye Sautter is an Accounts Payable Specialist at GIX Logistics in downtown Grand Island. A dedicated professional, they also teach an Excel class at a local community college and tutor students at the Academic Success Center. Jamye is currently involved in Leadership Tomorrow, gaining valuable insight into the Grand Island community and expanding their professional network. They also serve as the secretary on a local board, contributing their organizational skills to community efforts. Outside of work and community involvement, Jamye enjoys spending time with friends and family, watching football and volleyball, and embracing the outdoors through hunting and fishing. They also appreciate a quiet night in, balancing an active schedule with moments of relaxation.

“Leadership Tomorrow has been a fantastic opportunity to connect with other professionals and learn more about the businesses and industries that shape Grand Island. It has given me a new perspective on what makes our community thrive, and I look forward to continuing to grow and contribute.”

#### Areas of Interest:

Youth Development, Education, Community Improvement



Becky Rother, a Wisconsin native, attended the University of Nebraska- Lincoln where she earned her Bachelors of Science in Business Administration degrees in Marketing and Management with a sales certificate in 2021. She moved to Grand Island in 2023 where she joined the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation. Becky serves on the South Central Economic Development District board, is a member of the Hall County Early Education and Care Coalition, and a voting member of the City of Grand Island’s Entitlement Stakeholder group. She is also a certified organizer for 1 Million Cups Grand Island, a member of the Grand Island Young Professionals, and currently in the Sherwood Foundation Community Catalyst Cohort 69 group. Outside of work, Becky enjoys coaching club volleyball and making the most of life in Grand Island with her husband and their dog, Tukr.

“Leadership Tomorrow has truly helped me find my place in Hall County. Moving to a new community, far from everything familiar, felt overwhelming at first. But through LT, I’ve discovered a deep appreciation for where I live and a sense of pride in all that Grand Island and Hall County have to offer. This program has connected me with incredible people, valuable resources, and unique experiences that have made this community feel like home.”

#### Areas of Interest:

Community Improvement, Arts and Culture, Recreation and Fitness



Maria Urrego is a dedicated professional from Bogotá, Colombia, with a bachelors degree in Business Administration. She has worked for over 10 years at Head Start as a Family Home Visitor, where she supports low-income parents and children in building a strong foundation for success. Maria’s passion for community development led her to participate in Elevate Grand Island, sparking her interest in joining Leadership Unlimited. A proud mother of three, grandmother to two, Maria also enjoys the company of her three “fur grandchildren.” Maria is always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. In her spare time, she loves binge-watching suspense and romance shows, taking walks, traveling, shopping, and playing with her grandchildren. Maria cherishes quality time with her husband, finding balance in both her personal and professional life.

“My Experience in Leadership Tomorrow has been informative, we learn a lot about the Grand Island Community and the resources that are offered. I would definitely recommend people to take part in this!”

#### Areas of Interest:

Education and Health



JAKE  
VOGT



Jake Vogt is the Creative Specialist for Hornady Manufacturing in Grand Island. He graduated from Ravenna High School in 2012 and pursued a multi-media degree from Central Community College – Hastings. Following graduation from CCC, Jake spent a year in York, Nebraska working at the newspaper before transferring to the Grand Island Independent. Following the Independent, Jake spent 4 years with Bosselman Enterprises where he helped with the new brand identity for Pump & Pantry stores. In 2021, Jake found himself joining the Hornady marketing team. Jake currently serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board of Directors, EPIC Discovery Center Marketing Committee, and the Leadership Unlimited Alumni/Marketing Committee. Jake stays busy spending time with his son Nolan, as well as spending time outside and taking lake trips.

“Leadership Tomorrow has given me the opportunity to see what Grand Island has to offer as a professional. They gave me the guidance to become a better leader for our community and taught be how to give back. The experiences LT gave me were extremely eye-opening and rewarding. I’m excited to grow the connections I’ve made and continue learning about my community.”

**Areas of Interest:**

Youth Development, Community Improvement, Education, Recreation and Fitness.

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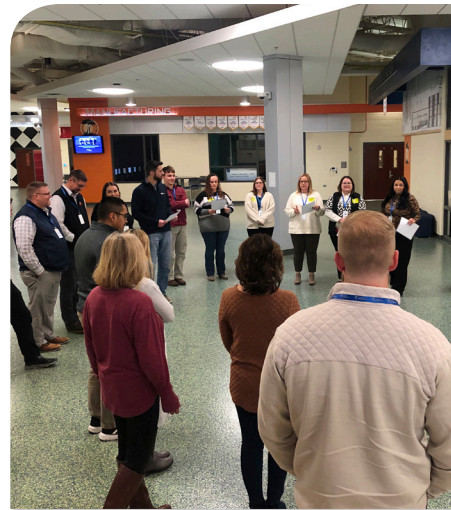


Tanner Westlake is an Ammo Engineer with Hornady Manufacturing. Tanner was born and raised in Colorado and then attended college in Bozeman, Montana at Montana State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering with a Minor in Physics. After graduating he moved to Missoula, Montana where he worked as a Designer and Project Manager for Western States Fire Protection until eventually moving to Grand Island to work for Hornady. Tanner sits on the Joint Technical Committee for the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute (SAAMI) as part of his duties with Hornady. Machine design and improvement, tooling advancement and product development are some of the things that he enjoys most about his work at Hornady. In his spare time Tanner enjoys participating in shooting sports, particularly long-range precision rifle as well as spending time at Motorsports Park Hastings where he puts his race car through its paces. He also is an avid outdoorsman, conservationist, and enjoys traveling with his girlfriend.

“Leadership Tomorrow has helped me develop an ethos of the type of leader I would like to become, both within the community and in professional life. The large swath of leaders that I have witnessed and been able to interact with has given me great perspective on the type of leadership that I believe works well in any environment.”

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# YOUTH LEADERSHIP TOMORROW

## Youth Leadership Tomorrow Class 28

**Mission:** *The mission of Youth Leadership Tomorrow is to provide community education and leadership development training to high school students through experiential learning activities that connect youth to their community and inspire them to be problem solvers, decision makers, and future leaders in our community.*

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