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### NHA recognizes Class XI Leadership Institute graduates

*LINCOLN* — The Nebraska Hospital Association (NHA) Leadership Institute graduated its 11th class Friday.

The NHA Leadership Institute, which now has more than 250 alumni, is an intensive leadership development program designed specifically for hospital managers.

The 34 Class XI graduates were honored before more than 525 people in attendance at the 35th Anniversary of the Caring Kind Awards Luncheon held Oct. 24 at The Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln.

Participants in the intensive leadership development program, designed specifically for hospital managers, completed 40 hours of instruction and training, individualized reading, personality assessments, 360 degree feedback exercises and management coaching.

They also engaged in a variety of leadership-oriented topics, including building a foundation of leadership, using 360 assessments for improved leadership, working with conflict, analyzing performance issues, personality traits in the workplace, coaching for improved performance, leading across the generations, leading teams and succession management. This year's participants also participated in a job shadowing experience where they met with managers from other hospitals throughout the state.

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“Already recognized as leaders in their respective institutions, these graduates of the NHA Leadership Institute have demonstrated a desire and commitment to becoming exceptional health care leaders for our state,” NHA President Laura J. Redoutey said. “Their dedication ensures that the future of exceptional health care leadership in Nebraska will continue.”

The NHA Leadership Institute is conducted in partnership with faculty from Bellevue University.

The NHA would like to acknowledge the following Class XI graduates of the NHA Leadership Institute:

- Erica Barnes, Community Medical Center, Inc., in Falls City
- Gabe Bodeman, Howard County Medical Center in St. Paul
- Carol Brezina, Butler County Health Care Center in David City
- Terri Brown, Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings
- Molly Carlson, Howard County Medical Center in St. Paul
- Sharon Conroy, Community Hospital in McCook
- Dan Curtis, Community Hospital in McCook
- Connie Drew, Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance
- Kristi Ellstrom, Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance
- Carol Evans, Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus
- Janelle Fler, Providence Medical Center in Wayne
- Katie Fleishmann, Harlan County Health System in Alma
- Tiffany Godemann, Community Medical Center, Inc., in Falls City
- Justin Gripp, Bryan Health in Lincoln
- Kathryn Hillje, Avera St. Anthony's Hospital in O'Neill
- Jodi Jenkins, Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva
- Linda Johnson, Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance
- Wendy Kallhoff, Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus
- Melissa Kratochvil, Memorial Health Care Systems in Seward
- Karlene Meyer, Providence Medical Center in Wayne
- Jenna Morris, Saunders Medical Center in Wahoo
- Brett Niemeth, Community Hospital in McCook
- Alan Nissen, Providence Medical Center in Wayne
- Lisa Parks, Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk
- Jennifer Sandoz, Valley County Health System in Ord
- Jessica Schlegel, Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva
- Joni Schwab, Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center in Beatrice
- Lisa Stallbaum, Butler County Health Care Center in David City

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- Matthew Steinblock, Community Memorial Hospital in Syracuse
- Krysty Svajgl, Nebraska Medicine in Omaha
- Loretta Teixeira, Community Memorial Hospital in Syracuse
- Diane Ward, Columbus Community Hospital in Columbus
- Trisha Willis, Community Hospital in McCook
- Jan Wright, Great Plains Health in North Platte

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The Nebraska Hospital Association helps hospitals fulfill their missions to ensure access to high quality, cost effective and comprehensive care to their communities. The Association offers collaborative leadership, assisting its members to improve the health status and emergency preparedness of their communities. Since 1927, the NHA has provided legislative advocacy, educational programming, data information and communication to Nebraska's hospitals. For more information, please visit the NHA website at [www.NebraskaHospitals.org](http://www.NebraskaHospitals.org).