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NHA Leadership Institute begins 2017 Class XIV

LINCOLN, NEB. - The Nebraska Hospital Association Research & Educational Foundation (NHAREF) Leadership Institute is excited to begin Class XIV. Surpassing the 300 mark of alumni, the Leadership Institute has proven to be inspiring, invigorating, invaluable, innovative and effective. The Leadership Institute's mission is to advance the effectiveness of hospitals by providing a quality environment for professional development and support for health care leaders.

Each year, approximately 40 health care professionals from across Nebraska come together for a 10-month program designed to instruct, inspire and invigorate. Participants in the NHA Leadership Institute improve their leadership skills and enhance their effectiveness in the health care field while preserving the care and compassion critical to quality health care delivery. Participants also establish peer-to-peer connections and lifelong bonds with classmates and faculty.

Geared toward providing middle management and up-and-coming leaders within Nebraska's hospitals with the necessary skills to become exceptional leaders, this program has already proven to produce job advancement and leadership successors. It is vital for current hospital leadership to develop the pipeline to ensure effective succession planning while enhancing employees' contributions to the organization.

The Leadership Institute is made up of comprehensive curriculum that combines core leadership competency working sessions and multiple layers of applied practice in health care. Participants have expert faculty to guide them through the program. Knowledgeable professors from Bellevue University are ready to steer participants toward professional success and engage them on the pressing issues hospitals encounter. These experts are drawn from diverse departments of the University including management, human services, leadership development, business administration and health care administration.

2017 participants include:

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