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For 37 years, we have cultivated a diverse group of youth and adult community leaders to prepare them to Engage, Connect, and Serve in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Lincoln is stronger because of the influence of our impact of our 3,700 alumni. Nearly every board, commission, public office, civic group, philanthropy or cause has Leadership Lincoln alumni among their ranks. We thank our alumni, volunteers, and community supporters who celebrate our shared achievements.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

My own experience in Leadership Lincoln is something that shapes my work and personal life every day. LL connected me with people who have become colleagues and lifelong friends; I was able to develop a depth of understanding about our community that reinforces that we live in a very special community. My hope for you is that you feel these same things throughout your Leadership Lincoln journey.

We are excited for our 38th year of service to the city of Lincoln! We look forward to getting to know you as you discover your passions within our community and build connections that will last a lifetime.

So as we begin our program year, I send my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your interest and commitment to serve Lincoln with your own special talents that will shape our community into the future. Welcome to the LL Family.

I know you will feel that you are part of the BEST CLASS EVER!

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Fellows is the original Leadership Lincoln class. It is made up of people from across the city who are engaged in making our community better, develop leadership skills, and make connections with other engaged leaders. Participants meet monthly to explore Lincoln’s government, business and economic development, human services, education and public safety. The participants also contribute their time and talents to a local need. There are more than 1,400 Fellows alumni.

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Our Executives program was the second class established. It engages leaders in senior leadership positions who are new to Lincoln or new to their positions. The Executives program connects these individuals and their partners and broadens their understanding of Lincoln. Participants make connections with leaders outside of their organizations. Each month the Executives explore government, business and economic development, human services, health, education, and quality of life. There are more than 780 Executives alumni.

**MEET THE 35TH CLASS**

**JACK ABEL**
Nebco

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Family Service Lincoln

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Bryan Health Connect

**DR. PAUL GAUSMAN**
Lincoln Public Schools
Our newest class is our Advocates cohort. Advocates bring together diverse individuals and historically underrepresented voices. The program connects individuals advocating for diversity, equity, and inclusion by sharing their perspectives. Each month Advocates participants explore Lincoln’s government, business and economic development, human services, health, education, and public safety. Participants volunteer their time and talents to help a local organization or cause. There are more than 240 Advocates alumni.

MEET THE 16TH CLASS

STACEY BLIZEK
TeamMates Mentoring Program of Lincoln

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University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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The Youth cohort brings together high school sophomores from Lincoln and Lancaster County. The program is interactive, hands-on, experiential learning that develops leadership skills. The participants build relationships with other motivated and engaged youth who live in other parts of the city. They learn how our city, county, and state function. Participants meet with community leaders, develop a lifelong commitment to service, and learn firsthand how youth leadership can make a difference. Participants meet in monthly seminars to explore Lincoln’s government, business and economic development, human services, health, and sustainability. There are more than 1,300 Youth alumni. All of them served the community during their Leadership Lincoln experience, and many have remained in Lincoln. There are more than 1,300 Youth alumni.

MEET THE 26TH CLASS

BROOKE ADAM
Lincoln North Star

AIAH AL-JABERI
Lincoln Northeast

NIFEMI BANKOLE
Lincoln Southwest

CANAAN BEASON
Lincoln Northeast

PIPER BERAN
Lincoln East

AYLA BROSMAN
Lincoln East

SARAH CAI
Lincoln East

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Lincoln Southeast

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