

# New North: 23 emerging leaders from the New North region taking part in Forward 48 cohort

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NEW NORTH, October 25, 2022 – Twenty-three emerging leaders from the New North have been named to the inaugural cohort of the Forward 48 program within the region. The group already is actively engaging with high-profile leaders from across Wisconsin.

In an effort to grow the next generation of leaders, New North Inc. has partnered with Forward 48, an established leadership development program, as it expands into the region. The experience-based program connects the state's emerging young talent with high-profile leaders.

“This program is designed to help keep the best young minds in the New North region,” says Barb LaMue, president and CEO of New North Inc. “It elevates our top talent from organizations of all sizes through experiential learning and meaningful mentorship, which expands their professional networks. Its focus on BIPOC, women and veteran emerging leaders sets our region up to have a diverse pool of leaders who will impact our communities in future decades.”

Of the current 23-person New North cohort of Forward 48, 14 identify as women and 11 as BIPOC.

Fall 2022 Forward 48 participants from the New North region:

Marlo Ambas, Manila Resto and Algoma Club

George Bastien, ISG

Eva Cruz Martinez, Casa ALBA Melanie

Megan Dickman-Renard, Dickman Media Group/The Business News

Shawn Dockry, State Farm

Jose Elijah, 4imprint

Alexander Graziano, From the Concrete Talent Management

Maggie Handler, Pierce Manufacturing

Carmen Hernandez, Schneider

Nou Huse, World Relief-Fox Valley

Charlene Johnson, Associated Bank

Laura Jones, African Heritage Inc.

Chloe Kinderman, TitledTownTech

Barbara Koldos, New North Inc.

Mai Krenzke, Oshkosh Corporation

Peter Lee, Us 2 Behavioral Health Care

Victoria McNeal, St. Norbert College

Drew Mueske, Hype Visual

Sarah Olejniczak, St. Norbert College

Tyrone Powell, Unext

Cynthia Sternard, Associated Bank

Jenna Thiel, Oshkosh Corporation

Billy Weber, Thrivent

Forward 48 is an established leadership development program whose vision is to build Wisconsin's talent succession plan by educating top talent across communities and industries through experiential learning; connecting and deepening trusted relationships statewide through shared experiences and exclusive networking opportunities; and empowering participants to shape the city they call home.

The faculty lineup for the current cohort includes Mark Murphy, president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers; John Schlifske, CEO of Northwestern Mutual; Erickajoy Daniels, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer at Advocate Aurora; Peter Feigin, president of the Milwaukee Bucks; and Cecelia Gore, executive director of the Milwaukee Brewers Foundation.

Feigin kicked off the Fall 2022 cohort on Oct. 13. Sessions are being held every Thursday through Nov. 17.

Companies within the New North region are invited to partner with Forward 48 for their professional development needs. Inquiries about participation in future cohorts can be directed to LaMue at [Barb.Lamue@thenewnorth.com](mailto:Barb.Lamue@thenewnorth.com).

More information on Forward 48 is available at [www.forward48.com](http://www.forward48.com).