

Forward 48 program gearing up for spring cohort

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A growing leadership development program called Forward 48 is now taking applications for the group's spring cohort.

This effort of the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the New North and the Wisconsin-based Hoan Group was launched two years ago. Since that time, 279 participants have completed the program, which has now grown to include Milwaukee, Madison, Racine, Kenosha, the Fox Valley and other communities in northeastern Wisconsin.

The program's latest cohort is limited to 120 spots, connecting the state's most "promising young leaders" under age 40 with executives from around the state. The six-week program includes a series of meetings where participants can learn from established leaders.

"We believe transformational change happens when the people who are in power join hands with the people who are coming up in the ranks, and their leadership lessons are passed from generation to generation," Maurice Thomas, President of Forward 48, said in a recent interview.

Thomas (pictured here) explained the program is looking for applicants who are ambitious, bold and eager to learn.

Some of the leaders taking part in the spring cohort include: Austin Ramirez, CEO of Husco International; JoAnne Anton, director of charitable giving for Herb Kohl Philanthropies; David Gruber, attorney and owner of Gruber Law Offices; and George Oliver, CEO of Johnson Controls.

Barb LaMue, president and CEO of the New North, says the program "elevates our top talent from organizations of all sizes through experiential learning and meaningful mentorship." In a recent release announcing the spring cohort application period, she also highlighted the program's focus on minorities, women and military veterans.



The first session will be held April 27 in Madison, with following meetings every Thursday through June 1.

See more on the program here: <https://forward48.com/>