

WMC Foundation: Kicks off second Wisconsin Leads: Executive Fellowship program

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MADISON – WMC Foundation, an affiliate of Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC) – launched its second annual Wisconsin Leads: Executive Fellowship program for 31 business leaders from across Wisconsin on Tuesday. The program, presented by CLA (CliftonLarsenAllen LLP), is designed to educate and develop emerging business leaders, features guest speakers, peer-to-peer learning and working groups over the span of three retreats.

“WMC Foundation is passionate about strengthening the next generation of leadership. This fellowship gives rising executives an opportunity to learn from seasoned business leaders, hear about shaping public policy and connect with peers from across business sectors,” said Executive Director of WMC Foundation, Wade Goodsell. “These rising stars will undoubtedly shape Wisconsin’s future, and we’re thrilled to be part of their growth.”

The 2023 Wisconsin Leads: Executive Fellowship cohort gathered in Madison for the first retreat of the program earlier this week. The retreats will feature past program alumni and accomplished professionals, including:

- Samantha Metcalf, National Practice Leader – Clifton Larsen Allen
- Jackson Smith, General Manager – Greenheck
- Jen Fietz, Partner/Director of Account Planning – Imaginasium
- Steve Loehr, VP of Operations Support – Kwik Trip

- Mike Victorson, CEO – M3
- Holly Cloutier, Director of Corporate Planning – Waupaca Foundry
- Wade Goodsell, COO – WMC

The 2023 participants include emerging leaders from a variety of backgrounds, company sizes and industries:

Patrick Bottini, Jack Links Protein Snacks

Josh Carey, John Deere

Paige Conforti, Inland Packaging

Paul Connor, M3

Fernando Duenas, Eaton

Daniel Ehr, BakerTilly

Abbey Grahovac, Imaginasium

Kelly Ingli, OEM Fabricators

Travis Lemke, Gorden Flesch

Rebecca Lopez, Godfrey Kahn

Bryson Machonga, First Business Bank

Nanak Malhotra, CD Smith

Geoff Marcks, Grande Cheese

Josh Marron, Park Bank

Mitchell Maurina, Aon

Andrew McCready, WPS Health Solutions

Chad Mehlberg, LaForce

Nicole Metzler, Dairyland

Scott Meverden, First Supply

Molly Niklasch, Waukesha County Business Alliance

Dave Norgen, Belmark

Todd Pagel, Waupaca Foundry

Coleman Peiffer, Alliant Energy

Gina Popp, Society Insurance

Spenser Rathsack, Plexus

Ty Robinson, Brakebush

Jed Roher, Delta Dental

Ali Van Dalen, Kwik Trip

Rick Viviani, First Supply

Brian Wanek, CLA

Ian Weide, SEEK Careers and Staffing

Two more retreats, one in Delafield in March and one in Green Bay in April, will round out the 2023 program. For more information on Wisconsin Leads: Executive Fellowship, visit www.wmcfoundation.org/wisconsin-leads/