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John Evans of Maury L. Carter & Associates, Inc. was selected as a participant in the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources for Class IX.



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Wedgworth Leadership Institute Selects Class IX

Gainesville, FL. — The Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources recently selected participants for Class IX of its two-year program. The first seminar of the program will take place in Gainesville during the week of November 11th.

The selected program participants have committed to eleven seminars, totaling 55 days in all, which further develop their leadership capabilities in representing the agricultural industry. From a seminar in the Florida panhandle and a week in Miami to time spent in Washington D.C. and a three-week international trip, this program strives to broaden perspectives and build a network within the industry and beyond. As a result, program graduates are able to address challenges of local, state, national, and global dimensions.

“The candidates selected for this program are already leaders in their respective industries. Our goal is not to teach leadership, but rather, to give existing leaders an introduction to public policy and to create a networking system for participants to develop professionally and use their skills to address issues affecting Florida’s agriculture industry and natural resources,” said Dr. Hannah Carter, Director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute.

Class members were selected through a rigorous nomination and application process. The group is representative of agriculture’s diversity through their employment in 21 different sub-sectors of the industry, from citrus to horticulture to dairy. Class members also bring geographic diversity, representing 25 different communities across the state, from Perdido Key to Jacksonville to LaBelle.

Administered by University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), the Wedgworth Leadership Institute hosted its charter class in 1992. With about 400 program alumni (including participants and their spouses), the Wedgworth Leadership Institute has become a staple for developing agricultural leaders who will become increasingly involved in the policy formation process. Past participants have reported that the Wedgworth Leadership Institute program provided them with an enriching experience that promoted personal growth, provided outstanding networking opportunities, enhanced their understanding of policy development and improved their analytical and personal skills. According to the evaluation by a Class VIII participant, "the Wedgworth Leadership Institute is a game changer, an opportunity of a lifetime and nothing short of amazing."

The Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources helps participants understand current and projected political, social, economic and cultural issues facing decision-makers at local, state, national and international levels. Participants gain an understanding of people from all segments of society; study the social, economic and political systems in which people function; and use the framework to analyze issues related to agriculture, natural resources and rural communities.

Please visit the WLIANR website for more information <http://www.wedgworthleadership.com> or call Program Director Hannah Carter at 352-392-1038. A listing of Class IX participants is attached.

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