LEAD New York Class 15

Workshop 4: Technology, Production Agriculture, Debate Training

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December 5-7, 2013

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Session Sponsors: Friends of ProFac, Erie and Niagara Insurance, Upstate Niagara Coop.

Goals:
1. Study trends and changes in production agriculture, processing, distribution
2. Consider the impact of changes in technology (i.e. equipment, etc.)
3. Learn basic debate skills
4. Meet industry leaders and begin identifying leadership traits and styles
5. Practice public speaking (persuasive speeches)

Agenda: (final as of 12/11/13)

Thursday, December 5, 2013: (Dress is warm business casual)
Facilitator: Darleen Krisher-Meehan
AM   Travel to Batavia, lunch on your own en route
12:00 Arrive at hotel, leave bags in car, check in during evening
12:15 Depart by bus for production tours (headsets and booties)
12:45 Intergrow Greenhouses – Dirk Biemans
2:15 Depart for Kast Farms
Supervisor; J. Stanley Kast, grandfather
4:00 Depart for Byron
4:30 Zuber Dairy
6:00 Pizza Dinner at Zuber Dairy
6:45 Return to hotel, check in
7:15 Begin class member persuasive speeches
8:30 Hospitality at hotel (January facilitator meeting)

Friday, December 6, 2013: (Dress is warm business casual)
Facilitator: Jessica Gaige
7:00 Breakfast on your own at hotel
7:45 move to FCEast (walk next door)
8:00 Persuasive Speeches
10:00 Break
10:15 Continue Persuasive Speeches
11:00 Move to ABCD program (by bus) (headsets)
11:15 Tour of ABCD program – Sandy Ruffino, Education Coordinator
11:40 Lunch – with children at Batavia ABCD
12:15 Q&A with ABCD Staff
Facilitator: Kris Kane
12:45 Depart for “processing and technology” tours: (travel by bus)
1:00 Alpina Yogurt Plant Tour – John Jacubowski and Roger Parkhurst
2:45 Depart for Byron
3:00 Oxbo International – Gary Stitch, Wade Heineman
4:45 Depart for restaurant - Bohns, 5256 Clinton St. Rd.
5:00 Challenges, opportunities & trends in Ag Credit - Brian Monckton
6:00 Sponsor Dinner (guests in attendance)
7:30 Return to hotel
8:00 Hospitality at hotel (February facilitator meeting)

Saturday, December 7, 2013: (Dress is business casual)
Facilitator: Corey Mosher
7:00 Breakfast with peer coaching group at hotel (check out, leave bags in car)
7:45 Walk back over to FC East
8:00 Debriefing and book discussion – facilitator team
9:45 Break
10:00 Debate Training – Sam Nelson & Ken Johnson
Continue debate training; select teams and topics
12:00 Catered lunch at FC East
Bruce Dehm – NYS Ag Society Welcome (10 min)
1:00 Housekeeping/Adjourn
1:30 Optional tour at Cargill Feed Mill, Batavia – Joe Washburn, Brenda Avedisian and Dave Rockwell