

Recognized as the premier leadership development program in Washington State, AgForestry offers hands-on learning experiences. Over 18 months, 13 seminars are presented on topics related to communications, social services, government, industry, crime and corrections, and transportation, as well as one week in Washington DC and two weeks in a selected foreign country.

The AgForestry Leadership Program features more than 250 expert speakers with a vast network of industry partners and over a thousand program participants. Many serve in leadership positions throughout the state, nationally and internationally. The network allows you to connect with others who may not be in your specific area or industry.

Employers and individuals who make the investment and support participation in the program can be assured that class members are learning and acquiring leadership skills that will be incorporated into their jobs and communities.

***AgForestry Participants Will:***

- Learn about exemplary leadership and identify personal strengths and development areas.
- Enhance communication skills including active listening, public speaking and meeting facilitation.
- Effectively work with people with different values, perspectives and personalities.
- Build management skills that emphasize listening, questioning, and creating dialogue.
- Learn to inspire others through storytelling, emotion and logic.
- Work with the media to create awareness and build credibility.
- Explore legislative, regulatory, economic, and social issues that impact natural resources industries and rural communities.
- Learn to take a collaborative approach to problem solving.
- Appreciate the value of relationships built on mutual respect and trust.
- Understand the public policy decision-making process and how public policy can be changed.
- Be equipped with tools for crafting and advancing effective public policy.
- Develop critical thinking skills.
- Grow professional and personal networks.

***AgForestry Graduates are Leaders Who:***

- Have the confidence to take on new leadership roles and lead by example.
- Desire to positively impact communities in Washington state and throughout the world.
- Have a vision for a better future.
- Are action-oriented and seek solutions to challenges.
- Make informed decisions before taking action.
- Are broad-minded, versus having a narrow focus on a single issue, organization or industry.
- Accurately analyze information, ask relevant questions, and think critically.
- Are introspective and understand their own strengths and development areas.
- Know how to gain access to people and resources to further their initiatives.
- Are open minded and consider new ideas.
- Generate and act on new ideas.
- Are articulate advocates for natural resources.
- Craft and advance effective public policy.
- Are empathetic to others.
- Foster cooperative relationships.
- Collaborate successfully.
- Seek feedback and opportunities for continuous improvement.
- Follow through on promises and commitments.

