

How to join the RLND Alumni Association:

If you completed the Rural Leadership North Dakota (RLND) Program you are eligible to be a RLND Alumni Association member! To join the RLND Alumni Association pay your yearly (calendar year) dues of \$40. Go to the RLND Alumni Association website, www.rlndaa.com, to pay your dues or send a check to RLND Treasurer, Matt Danuser, 5505 92nd Ave. SE, Marion, ND 58466.

“As human beings our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world, as in being able to remake ourselves.”

— Mahatma Gandhi

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Rural Leadership North Dakota Alumni Association (RLND AA)

Mission: The RLND Alumni Association's mission is to continue to prepare and develop effective leaders to strengthen North Dakota.

The RLND Alumni Association's goals are to:

- **Enable** an environment for networking
- **Expand** knowledge and education
- **Enrich** relationships through professional development
- **Explore** leadership in changing times



ENABLE – We get things done through people and the more people connections an individual has the more vibrant and robust their network! “It’s amazing what we can accomplish when we’re in it together.” Essie

EXPAND – “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” This quote by John F. Kennedy shares the same idea of why the RLND AA works hard to expand the knowledge and education of RLND AA members.

ENRICH – The RLND AA offers various ways for alumni to enrich themselves by attending professional development workshops, attending social events, and reconnecting with RLND Alumni! “Sharing will enrich everyone with more knowledge.” Ana Monnar

EXPLORE – RLND AA events are a safe environment to try new things and grow beyond where you currently are at. “Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.” James Cash Penney

Benefits of being a RLND Alumni Association member:

- **Continuing professional development** – attend workshops and conferences to continue to learn skills and strategies around leadership
- **Networking** – people get things done through people! Continue to build your network of people across North Dakota, the U.S. and the world
- **Project scholarship** – scholarships may be available for projects
- **Social events** – make time for relaxation and fun with RLND alumni
- **Bridge the gap** – after you have completed the RLND Program and want to stay connected with RLND alumni
- **Endowment funds** – access to funds for projects in your community and/or organization



Check out the RLND AA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/rlnndaa/

RLND Alumni Association (AA) **Facts and Impacts**

RLND AA has 143 alumni from seven classes representing 82 communities in 38 counties across North Dakota.

RLND Alumni represent:

- Agriculture - 34%
- Public/government – 25%
- Business – 24%
- Education – 4%
- Healthcare – 5%
- Economic development – 7%
- Nonprofit – 8%

FACTS:

Over \$4.8 million has been invested in 140+ RLND projects over the past 15 years.

20 RLND alumni have run for public office, 3 have recently been elected.

Jerod Tufte (RLND Class II alumnus) – elected to North Dakota Supreme Court in 2016

Brandy Pyle (RLND Class VII alumna) – elected to North Dakota Legislature in 2016

Don Longmuir (RLND Class I alumnus) – elected to North Dakota Legislature in 2016

Over 80% of RLND alumni have taken leadership roles for various community projects.

100% of RLND alumni indicate networking opportunities were outstanding in their RLND experience.



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IMPACTS:

Natalie Muruato (Class VII) raised over \$200,000 to renovate the closed Belfield Theater into a regional cultural center and gathering place for community connectivity. “It was through the RLND Program I acquired the skills and knowledge necessary to take on a project like this and many others that have come after.”

Andrew Holle (Class V) developed the Northern Lights Dairy to better educate visitors to the farm. “All people have the same basic wants, needs and desires. It is through the RLND Program that we learn the building blocks that help us lead people to achieve their desires, dreams and goals.”

Vicki Monsen (Class I) worked with the local development group in Watford City to build two 8-plex housing units for seniors in the community. “Without the RLND Program, I would not have taken on a project of this magnitude. RLND has given me the confidence that I can make a difference in my community.”

Mara Solberg (Class VI) created a community garden at a rural church near Horace where volunteers built a 10x12 foot garden box and planted vegetables that were given away for a free-will offering. “Many years from now, I will still be talking about my two years with RLND. I just hope I can give back as much as I have been given.”

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