

Leadership for Those Ready to Do More

ANNOUNCING CLASS XIII BEGINNING FALL 2026

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (WLIANR) develops and refines leaders to ensure a strong and adaptable Florida agriculture and natural resources industry for generations to come. The program prepares leaders to assume greater responsibilities in their organizations, industries, and communities while building the skills and perspective needed to influence constructive change.

Participants gain a deeper understanding of social, economic, and political systems and how to work effectively within them, while also developing a stronger understanding of themselves, others, and the diverse communities they serve.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

WLIANR is designed for professionals who already hold leadership roles and are ready for the next level of impact. The experience strengthens both personal and professional leadership capacity through:

- Leadership development through self and peer understanding
- Strategic thinking and effective communication skills
- Analysis of complex issues impacting agriculture and natural resources
- State, national, and international networking
- Exposure to public policy, economic systems, and global perspectives
- Building strategic alliances across Florida's agriculture and natural resource sectors

BY THE NUMBERS

30 individuals selected per class

11 seminars over a 22-month span

9 in-state seminars lasting 3-4 days

1 out-of-state seminar to Washington, D.C. and two other states ranging from 9 to 10 days in length

1 international seminar ranging from 16 to 17 days in length

300+ alumni working across Florida agriculture and natural resources



"WLI ignites our leaders' curiosity and sense of purpose. It strengthens self-awareness, exposes them to new ways of thinking, and inspires them to lead with greater intention and impact. The growth in their confidence, clarity and leadership capacity far outweighs the investment, and it makes me proud to see them expand their leadership within our organization, our industry, and our state."

Chloé Gentry, Class VII

"An experience that you will never forget, that will shape the way you view business, family, and life in ways that you have never thought of."

Michael Hill, Class XI



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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Professionals working in agriculture, natural resources, and related industries who:

- Have demonstrated leadership experience
- Aspire to greater leadership responsibility at community, state, national, or international levels
- Are committed to leadership, service, and community impact

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be 25 years of age by May 15, 2026
- Be a Florida resident for at least one year
- Derive a significant portion of income from agriculture or natural resources
- Demonstrate leadership experience
- Commit to attending all sessions in person

PROGRAM COST

The total cost of the WLIANR experience is \$21,000 per participant. Through the support of alumni and industry partners, class members pay only \$7,000, ensuring access to a world-class leadership development experience.

"WLI is an extremely valuable asset to Florida's Agriculture industry that it is an honor to have the opportunity to take part in."

Martin Hackney, Class X

"Positively the best program to innovate personal and professional goals in our industry. I am a better woman, mother, wife, and friend because of it."

Kiley Harper-Larsen, Class X

APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15

Step into the next level of leadership and make a lasting impact on Florida agriculture and natural resources. Applications for the next class of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute are due May 15, 2026. Learn more and apply at wedgworthleadership.com. Join the network of more than 300 alumni shaping the future of the industry.

