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# Press Release

## The Williston Area Chamber of Commerce announces Leadership Williston Graduates

**Williston, ND, April 26, 2017:** The Leadership and Education Committee of the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the Graduation Ceremony for the 2017 Leadership Williston Class over lunch today at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Earlier that morning, the class presented their projects to the committee before attending the graduation ceremony. Speakers at the ceremony included Jaden Cymbaluk (2016-2017 program director), Helen Askim (speech program director), Debbie Richter (Leadership Williston Alumni), and Sarah Johnson (Chair of the Leadership and Education Committee).

2017 Leadership Williston Graduates are below listed with their projects:

Greg Cottrell – Dollars for Scholars – Local Williston Chapter  
Wayne Crow (Ackerman-Estvold) – Harley Davidson Charity Motorcycle Ride – Poker Run  
Amber Elizondo (CHI ST. Alexius Health Williston Medical Center) – Dollars for Scholars  
Jake Germundson (First International Bank & Trust) – Sweet Cases  
Justin Graham (Frontier Insurance Solutions Agency Inc.) – Ice Skate Rental Trailer  
Brandon Johnson (Triangle Electric Inc.) – Youth Basketball Camp  
Kirby Kain (First National Bank & Trust) – Coyote Pride Wrestling Wall  
Matt Lierz (FCI Constructors Inc.) – Rickard Elementary Fence Improvements  
Travis Lingenfelter – Our Family to Yours ND  
Zach Nelson (American State Bank & Trust) – Youth Hockey Camp  
Kelsey Rice (Nemont Telephone Cooperative) – Pounding the Pavement for Paws 5K  
Rachel Richter (Williston Parks & Recreation) – Job Shadow Day

The Leadership Williston program's mission is to use the considerable expertise of current community leaders to train and empower future leaders and is looking forward to its 22<sup>nd</sup> year next year as it announced Rachel Richter as the 2017-2018 program director. Applications for next year's class will be out late summer. To get involved in any of the Leadership Williston Projects or any questions on the program please contact the Chamber.

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