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## **Nineteen Iowa long-term care leaders graduate from Iowa Health Care Association Executive Health Care Leadership Institute**

**West Des Moines, Iowa** – Nineteen long-term care leaders graduated from Iowa Health Care Association’s (IHCA’s) 2022-2023 Executive Health Care Leadership Institute on June 13, 2023. This year-long leadership program provides Iowa long-term care workers with the leadership fundamentals and specific technical skills needed to provide care in post-acute care settings.

Iowa long-term care leaders graduating from this prestigious leadership program include:

- Angela Anderson, Northridge Village, Ames
- Lydia Billings, Home Care Services of Boone County Hospital, Boone
- Sharon DeSpain, Accura Healthcare of Marshalltown, Marshalltown
- Rachel Feeney, Accura Healthcare of Cascade, Cascade
- John Freeman, Prairie Vista Village, Altoona
- Dawn Fullhart, Birkwood Village of Fort Madison, Fort Madison
- Brodey Hanson, The Bridges at Ankeny, Ankeny
- Scott Kessler, Keota Health Care Center, Keota
- Maria (Gen) Lata, Freedom Home Health Care, Inc., Ankeny
- Joni Ogden, Whispering Creek, Sioux City
- Mallory Orton, Montrose Health Center Inc., Montrose
- Kaleigh Sieck, Birkwood Village of Tama/Toledo, Toledo
- Bailey Stone, Homestead of Knoxville, Knoxville
- Steve Tressel, Terrace Glen Village, Marion
- Kylee Walker, Prairie Vista Village, Altoona
- Penny Weigand, Homestead of Oskaloosa, Oskaloosa
- Susan Wiley, Homestead of Mason City, Mason City
- Autumn Wolbert, Prairie Vista Village, Altoona
- Kayla Zellmer, Northridge Village, Ames

IHCA’s 2022-2023 Executive Health Care Leadership Institute featured training on leadership fundamentals and advancement, including leadership development, population health management, human resources, workforce development and more, for leaders in Iowa skilled nursing facilities, assisted living programs, home health agencies and long-term care facilities.

“The graduates of the 2022-2023 program have made it their mission to deliver quality care for our state’s elderly and individuals with disabilities and are to be commended for their service and dedication to providing quality care for Iowans,” said Brenda Irlbeck, Vice President of Quality Improvement and Regulatory Affairs for Iowa Health Care Association.

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**Applications open for 2023-2024 IHCA Executive Health Care Leadership Institute**

For those interested in attending IHCA's Executive Health Care Leadership Institute, applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 program. To apply, submit a resume, reference letter and short summary of what you hope to achieve by attending the program to Brenda Irlbeck, IHCA's Vice President, Quality Improvement and Regulatory Affairs, at [brenda@iowahealthcare.org](mailto:brenda@iowahealthcare.org). Applications for the 2023-2024 program are due by June 30, 2023.

***About Iowa Health Care Association***

Iowa Health Care Association (IHCA) and its divisions, Iowa Center for Assisted Living (ICAL) and Iowa Center for Home Care (IHC) represent organizations that provide long-term care to Iowans through nursing facilities, assisted living, residential care, senior living communities and home health agencies.

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