West Des Moines Historical Society

Jordan Scholar Institute
Leadership Program

About the Program

Currently in its fifth year, the Jordan Scholars Institute continues to offer selected potential young metro area leaders the opportunity to explore the important role of community service and the nature of leadership through small group meetings with leaders in Central Iowa. Jordan Scholars meet with a range of leaders in various sectors in which James Jordan was a prominent leader: business, government, agriculture, insurance, education, transportation, and banking.

Who is James Jordan?

James Jordan remains an important and unique figure in West Des Moines and Central Iowa history. A leader in many fields as well as a staunch abolitionist and Conductor on the Underground Railroad, his life is the inspiration for the James Jordan Scholars Leadership Institute.

Details of the Program

- Runs from August to May.
- Meet once a month at various locations throughout the Des Moines Metro area. Meeting time is from 4:00-6:00pm on a Wednesday night.
- Open to juniors in high school, with preference to those in Advanced or AP US History.
- There is a small stipend given to scholars each semester to help pay for gas, parking, other incidentals.

Contact

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