RULE Class XVIII Launches
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The Pennsylvania Rural-Urban Leadership Program (RULE) is Pennsylvania's transformative leadership development program. It fosters professional and personal leadership development for all Pennsylvanians. RULE promotes engagement in public issues, networking, public decision making, strategic design, lasting relationships, and civic engagement. We have over 700 alumni across the state.

The RULE Staff worked to ensure representation of more farmers, underrepresented populations, a blend of occupational diversity and Extension leadership.

RULE XVIII, a robust class of 35, is comprised of (6) farmers including two organic growers; (4) agribusiness leaders, (5) underrepresented populations, (11) stakeholder nominations, (5) legislative nominations, (3) Penn State Extension leaders, a (1) county commissioner, (6) state employees, (3) federal employees, (1) legislative employee as well as (4) community activists, (1) healthcare and (2) education leaders and a (1) business owner. (Note: Some candidates overlap in categories.)

RULE XVIII Scholars: Harley Bender, Hannah Brock, Michael Chapaloney, Madra Clay, Holly Cohick, Susan Elks, Kelsey Feeg, Allyson Gibson, Jodi Keith Kensinger, Sarah Keller, Lisa Kerle, Greg Lander, Josh Lang, Doug Lapp, Tiffany Chang Lawson, Hillary Lyle, Tara Mondock, Cindy Nellis, Karen O'Neill, Mary Pritchard, Abbey Roberts, Maggie Robertson, Sam Robison, Melissa Roma, Stephanie Roscinski, Stephanie Shirk, Andrew Smyre, Tonya St. Clair, Shana Stern, Mary Tate, Kristie Taylor, Jessica Trimble, Cynthia Walters, Matthew Williams & John Winters

“Loved this Study Institute! I learned so much and I am leaving fueled and excited! I feel inspired and very excited to see what is next and to watch myself and everyone grow.”
RULE XVIII Scholar