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HISTORY ON A DISK

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“Kosciusko Leadership Academy graduated its first class of 25 students in 1982. It was initiated by a group of forward thinking community leaders who saw a void in young enthusiastic, innovative leaders who could step forward and lead this community into the future. Since that beginning, over 500 graduates have attended classes where they learn in depth the economics, political, financial, agri-business, healthcare, etc. issues and strengths of Kosciusko County...Graduating fully prepared to assume leadership roles, these young people are the future hope of this community. The dreams of the founding board members have and continue to be fulfilled.” -Jean Northenor

Twenty-two years later, this compelling vision of developing exceptional community leaders burns brighter than ever. As current students of the Kosciusko Leadership Academy, we feel uniquely prepared to play an active role in shaping our community's future.

Such an illustrious history deserves to be preserved. Because of this, we are proud to present to the Kosciusko Leadership Academy and our community “History On A Disk”. This CD contains all the past white paper projects indexed by year. The collective wisdom of over 500 KLA members spanning a history of 22 years can now fit in the palm of your hand. Future generations will be enriched by this wealth of knowledge.

In addition, copies of this disk will be available at the Warsaw Library so an even greater number of people can have access to this valuable resource.

Barker Archives has been privileged to assist in this venture and is committed to scanning future KLA white paper projects.

A suggestion for a future white paper project is the development of a KLA website where “History On A Disk” and other valuable KLA information would be available.

We hope this living history of the ideas and dreams of those mentored through the Kosciusko Leadership Academy will serve to instruct and inspire the leaders of tomorrow. As Dr. Steve Grill has noted, “Kosciusko County has needs that must be fulfilled and challenges that must be met...the residents of Kosciusko County can look to them (KLA graduates) for their assistance, their counsel, their expertise, and above all their spirit.”