



The below schedules are tentative and subject to change year-to-year.

**Seminar Schedule: Year 1**

Theme	Location	Month	Objectives	Quote from Participant
<b>Leadership, Communication &amp; Vision</b>	Pullman	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand the history and objectives of the Washington Agriculture and Forestry Education Foundation and the scope of the Leadership Program.</li> <li>Develop an understanding of the scope and importance of leadership.</li> <li>Commence the development of powerful and clear skills for effective leadership and gain an understanding of personal leadership styles.</li> </ul>	<i>Recognizing my natural inclination to be direct and impatient, listening to storytelling in professional settings has allowed me to now be more patient and understanding. I am utilizing active listening skills with friends, coworkers, and community members.</i>
<b>Group Dynamics &amp; Public Speaking</b>	Wenatchee	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become familiar with the technique of developing, presenting and evaluating a persuasive speech.</li> <li>Gain insight into how communication impacts group dynamics.</li> <li>Consider factors that build a successful group that works together.</li> </ul>	<i>We all want to be heard and understood, but the session on active listening confirmed that I struggle to truly listen to people. I am now focused on becoming a diligent listener, so I can lead more effective interactions at home, work and in my community.</i>
<b>Working with the Media</b>	Spokane	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Examine the influence of the media and all it's forms, including social media.</li> <li>Practice identifying a message, interview with the media &amp; gain constructive feedback.</li> </ul>	<i>I gained so much insight into how media is gathered and released. My perception of media was generally negative before this seminar but now I'm able to see the realities. I learned about the importance of carefully forming your story and how to reach out to the different media avenues.</i>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn from and engage with experienced media professionals.</li> </ul>	
<b>Social Issues</b>	Tacoma	January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance their knowledge and awareness of social issues.</li> <li>Think critically about factors that contribute to the success and/or failure of attempts at addressing social issues and the role of effective leadership.</li> <li>Visit social service agencies and participate in social issues dialogues with urban social service providers.</li> </ul>	<p><i>This seminar really opened my eyes to problems that exist, but that I don't see every day. Social issues are pervasive in nearly all communities whether we see them or not. This seminar gave me more perspective on these issues and the programs that are available to help others.</i></p>
<b>State Government</b>	Olympia	Early February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Become familiar with the structure and operation of state government including the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.</li> <li>Gain insight into the process of how bills become laws.</li> <li>Explore the leadership skills necessary to be effective in Public Policy development.</li> <li>Participate in dialogues with members of the legislature, agency directors, and other policy leaders.</li> </ul>	<p><i>I intend to use the tools and nuggets of information from this seminar for more civic engagement. I repeatedly heard how our legislators need to hear from us, and I recognize the value in engaging with them now instead of waiting until I need them to address an issue.</i></p>
<b>National Government</b>	Washington DC	Late February/Early March (1 week)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase awareness of the functions and interactions of the federal government.</li> <li>Understand how lobbying and informational organizations influence public policy at the national level.</li> <li>Become knowledgeable about a selection of agencies and non-governmental organizations that affect Washington State's natural resource industries and communities.</li> </ul>	<p><i>I appreciate the ability of AgForestry to get excellent speakers and topics in the nation's capital. Wide range of topics and visits that built to a cohesive message overall. I enjoyed the historical parts of the trip and the meetings with any elected representatives and their staff.</i></p>

<b>Forestry Issues</b>	Rotating	May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn about the economic, environmental, social, and cultural significance of forest land management.</li> <li>Gain insight into the scope and complexity of the forest industry.</li> <li>Enter discussions with representatives from key interest groups who are actively engaged in how private and public forests are managed.</li> </ul>	<i>It struck me that it doesn't take leadership to defeat those who disagree with your position. It takes leadership to work with those who have differing views and to create solutions that benefit all in some capacity.</i>

### Seminar Schedule: Year 2

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Quote</b>
<b>Agriculture Issues</b>	Yakima	September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain perspective on the importance of agriculture in Washington State and the complex and ever-changing dynamics that shape its future</li> <li>Connect directly with agriculture producers and processors to learn about their operations, marketing, production, and policy challenges</li> <li>Become familiar with important issues affecting agriculture including water, labor, crop protection and production practices</li> <li>Develop an understanding of the geology, history, and development of irrigated agriculture in the Columbia Basin along with the associated</li> </ul>	<i>The information presented at this seminar will follow me throughout my career and life. The perspectives of agricultural production could not have been learned from browsing the internet. Seeing these operations in person really helped me gain a better understanding of the industry. It left me wanting to learn more, and left me with a better understanding of the challenges and importance of WA agriculture.</i>

			economics, technology, and diversity of farming in the region	
<b>Columbia River System</b>	Vancouver	October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gain an appreciation for the framework by which the Columbia River system is managed.</li> <li>Become familiar with the interrelationships among the competing uses of the Columbia River system.</li> <li>Better understand Columbia River system public policy issues and how they are being solved.</li> </ul>	<i>This seminar presented the most profound example of how powerful collaboration can be.</i>
<b>Crime &amp; Corrections</b>	Walla Walla	November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study crime and corrections issues and how they relate to society.</li> <li>Understand current trends in Washington State corrections.</li> <li>Gain a first-hand perspective of the life within a prison through a tour of the Washington State Penitentiary, and conversations with correctional officers and counselors.</li> <li>Make connections between this seminar and the subject matter of Seminar 4: "Social Issues" and Seminar 5: "State Government."</li> </ul>	<i>I learned that we, as a society, need to help offenders transition back into our communities. Now I better understand that leadership means taking chances and giving people opportunities to improve themselves. We must be patient with second chances, and willing to be burned to make strides.</i>
<b>Transportation</b>	Seattle	December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase their understanding of transportation issues in Washington State, specifically in the Seattle area, including the Port of Seattle's role in transportation and trade</li> <li>Gain an understanding of the complexities involved in transporting products and resources to customers,</li> </ul>	<i>This seminar was very informative. I can't believe I never recognized the importance, scale, and economic impact of the Ports of Seattle and</i>

			and how the geography of Washington State affects the distribution of goods	<i>Tacoma even though I have driven past it many times throughout my life.</i>
<b>Trade, Culture &amp; Government</b>	International Study Seminar	January/February (2 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discover the culture and history of the area through site visits, dialogues with speakers, informal discussions, a service project and possible homestay.</li> <li>• Learn about the local prevailing agricultural production systems and natural resource management approaches.</li> <li>• Explore a different political system than the United States through the examination of area public policy positions and impacts at the local, regional and national level.</li> </ul>	<i>For me the entire seminar was eye opening. I have never traveled outside of the US so it gave me a whole new perspective on the world. If I had to pinpoint anything, I would say experiencing all the history in Greece was the most useful aspect. It is astonishing how much culture and history is in such a small piece of the world, it really puts things into perspective of how young of a country the US is.</i>
<b>Public Policy Presentations - Graduation</b>	Rotating	April/May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use acquired communication skills to present Public Policy Projects.</li> <li>• Obtain useful feedback from the evaluation panel and class members for use in subsequent presentations.</li> <li>• Reflect on the Public Policy Project process, teambuilding and group dynamic experiences.</li> <li>• Gain insight from other leaders and discuss traits for effective leadership.</li> </ul>	<i>The thoughts from Jaime on balance and timing were invaluable, and Senator Parlette's reference to Brene Brown's talk on the man in the arena (Teddy's Roosevelt's Citizenship in a Republic speech) was a great reminder for me. My work is based on continuous feedback and I struggle with why some feedback bothers me while other feedback doesn't; that speech reminds me to hear all the feedback and filter how I receive it (specifically, how much weight I give to different people's comments). The seminar was also a great wrap up to an extraordinary program, so a useful part of this seminar was tying the program together to send the class off on next steps in our leadership journey.</i>