TAI (Technology Association of Iowa) Announces the 2024 Iowa Technology Leadership Institute Cohort

DES MOINES, Iowa (November 9, 2023) – TAI is pleased to announce the selection of the 2024 Iowa Technology Leadership Institute cohort. The third cohort of this leadership program comprises twenty-five accomplished technology professionals from a diverse range of companies and organizations spanning various sectors within Iowa.

The Iowa Technology Leadership Institute develops tomorrow's Iowa technology leaders through interactive programming and professional development designed to fill gaps that technical education and experience can often overlook. Additionally, the six-month program provides unique opportunities to collaborate with peers and network with experienced technology leaders and executives.

2024 Iowa Technology Leadership Institute cohort:

Tracey Akins
Director, Product Data Management, AP & Payroll | Wells Enterprises

Ryan Basu
Director, Cloud Platform Engineering | Athene

David Benz
Senior Security Analyst | ITA Group

Justin Berning
Director of Programming | VGM Forbin

Michael Bissen
Manager of Store Systems | Kum & Go

Lynn Doane
IT Talent Manager II | TruStage

Scott Evers
Enterprise Architect, Emerging Services | Involta

Tom Gass
Platform Engineering Manager | EMC Insurance Companies

Hannah Gray
Director, Security & Compliance | revology

Liz Hoehle
IT Director - Retail & Finance | Hy-Vee

Zachary Lane
Director of Retail Systems | Fareway Stores

James Lei-Butters
Software Engineer Manager | Wellabe

Joel Marks
Senior Engineering Manager | Workiva

Corey McSparen
Chief Operating Officer | We Write Code

Maggie Modica
Technology Product Manager | John Deere - Intelligent Solutions Group

Megan Modlin
President - Client Services & Operations | Source Allies

Nicholas Nystrom
Experience Lead, UX Product Owner | Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield

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Senior Vice President of Technology | VGM Insurance Services

Phil Ohnemus
Director - Engineering | Principal Financial Group

Mitch Roeschlein
Head of Software Engineering | Corteva Agriscience

Jim Ryken
Chief Operating Officer | BarnTools

Brett Stewart
Assistant Director of Engineering | Principal Financial Group

Nate Tierney
IT Manager II | Pella Corporation

Sri Harsha Vege
Principal Developer | Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

Justin Wille
Director, Data Platforms & Integrations | F&G Annuities & Life

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About the Technology Association of Iowa (TAI)
Founded in 1997, The Technology Association of Iowa is a statewide, member-based organization focused on building and uniting Iowa's technology community. TAI advances the tech industry through engaging programming, premier events, talent development, driving public policy, and fostering a culture of diversity and inclusion to lead Iowa forward.

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