

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

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Leadership Academy

SDAR kicked off our 2nd Leadership Academy and we're excited to have another very successful leadership class. Our goal is to continue to assist our members in their personal and professional development and to enhance their skills as they take leadership roles in our association.

The applicants that are chosen will get together 4-5 times throughout the year and have hands on training and listen to speakers regarding all aspects of how the association functions. Team Building and Effective Communication, Governance Overview, Financials, Board and Committee Meetings, Leadership Ethics and Integrity will be discussed.

It is our belief that our state association will greatly benefit from trained, educated and committed leaders who will serve in the future.

Education

We have been faced with many challenges in providing educational courses that meet the needs of our members in the most cost effective manner. The association offers designation based course curriculum, approved for CE credit in addition to post-licensing education credit, but are finding that attendance is driven by the cost to attend. Designations also have taking a bit of a hit in our market, so again focusing on making those relevant is imperative. This year has proven to be a successful win-win in co-sharing these designation based courses with our local boards.

Mark of Excellence Award

Recently, we revised one of our existing REALTOR® recognition awards and revised it following the Nebraska REALTORS® Association Mark of Excellence award. This is the first year for the self-nominated award to be effective and the recipients of this award will be recognized at the Association's Board of Directors meeting.

REALTOR® Ring Day

REALTORS® in South Dakota have made plans to participate in support of the Salvation Army's annual ringing of the bell during the holiday season. This year's REALTOR® Ring Day is scheduled for Friday, December 5th.