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## Sokolovich Accepted Into 2015-2016 Leadership Iowa Program

CLINTON, IA., Aug. 26, 2015 — Andy Sokolovich of Clinton, Iowa, a first time applicant, has been accepted as a member of the 2015-2016 Leadership Iowa class. Established in 1982, Leadership Iowa educates and trains a diverse group of members to engage on a local level, to become more passionate leaders, and to use their talents to develop their communities. Sokolovich, a Clinton small business owner, is honored to have been selected by the organization.

Andy Sokolovich served as an Air Traffic Controller at Balad Air Base during Operation Iraqi Freedom. As he reflects back on the decisions he made while serving in a war zone, Andy said "I made decisions that impacted the lives of those serving alongside me, as well as the millions of Americans who had no idea that they were being made. I did my best to ensure our team contributed to mission effectiveness and success. I knew what I had to do, and I did it. That's leadership. Making decisions that will improve the lives of those who will never have to make them themselves."

War opened his eyes to leadership and its dramatic impact. Now, as a civilian, he seeks to continue to learn about leadership and to give back to his new community in Clinton.

Sokolovich is devoted to serving his community. In addition to his duties as the Clinton Kiwanis Club president, he also chairs the Clinton Community School District Education Foundation, volunteers in the Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Lyons Business & Technology Park. In 2014, he was recognized for his dedication as a Chamber Ambassador by receiving the Chamber of Commerce Karl Schmitz Memorial Award. Furthermore, the Clinton Conventions and Visitors Bureau presented to him the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award.

In 2014, Andy Sokolovich became a certified strengths coach through Gallup, Inc. With his extensive involvement in his local community, his passion for serving others, and entrepreneurial background, Sokolovich brings to the Leadership Iowa Program a fresh perspective. When asked what he intends to do with the information he learns during the program, Andy responded by saying, "I will bring everything I learn back to Clinton, Iowa. I will work hard to foster our growth as a community, and lead our residents into a future that is positive and well-positioned for success."

More information on Leadership Iowa can be found at www.LeadershipIowa.com

## **About Andy Sokolovich**

Andy Sokolovich is a Gallup-certified strengths coach working with companies to dissect and identify the wants and communication needs of their workforce. Visit <a href="www.UnleashStrengths.com">www.UnleashStrengths.com</a> for more information.

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