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Dear good folks from the Biddick Foundation,

Thank you for your contributions to help these local participants attend leadership classes

this year!

As you're aware, skill-building translates to capacity building and new energy into our communities. Thanks for investing in a stronger, beautiful southwest Wisconsin! With gratitude,

Kristin Holmen - Supply Coordinator
Community Leadership Alliance of Southwest Wisconsin

Locals earn new scholarships

For Community Leadership Alliance

Savannah Erzen of Rewey, and Megan Graber of Montfort were chosen by the board members of the Community Leadership Alliance to be the first recipients of grant monies allocated to CLA by the Elmer G. Biddick Charitable Foundation for scholarships for local community members to attend leadership classes in 2016 and 2017.

The purpose of the leadership program is to expand the amount of volunteers serving on and leading committees, boards, planning teams

and work groups in Grant, Lafayette, and Iowa counties.

"This program is designed to help community members find their voice," said CLA coordinator Kristin Holman-Steffel. "Within the past 16 years, people who work and live in Grant, Lafayette and Iowa counties have gained skills to access and provide for the needs of this community. They have discovered where there are opportunities for

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meaningful involvement and leadership. CLA alumni have been a more valuable resource to their employers, their community and to southwest Wisconsin."

Community Leadership Alliance meets the last Wednesday of each month (January through June) at various sites in southwestern Wisconsin. CLA sessions feature speakers and curriculum to address a variety of topics.

The CLA program is open to any person in the tri-county area who would like to further develop their leadership skills. If you would like more information about participation in 2017, please contact Holman-Steffel at swwi.cla@gmail.com or by calling (608) 778-1807.