

## Testimonials

"Learning about the history of New Ulm and the industries that built our economy alongside other business professionals was useful as today's decisions are made. There are so many industries quietly generating the New Ulm economy that I did not even know existed. Networking with the same group of individuals throughout the learning process provided new connections and perspectives as well."  
*Wendy Broderson, Oak Hills Living Center*

"Network New Ulm was an amazing experience. I gained so much insight as an educator learning about area businesses. Network New Ulm provides an amazing experience to network with other professionals while getting to know and experience our community on a greater level."  
*Tricia Fairbairn, New Ulm High School*

"I really enjoyed participating in the program. I learned about the New Ulm community so much."  
*Eddy Correa, 3M*

"NNU is a great program to learn more about our community and to network with others in our community."  
*Matt Wilhelm, Concordia Lanes*

"Network New Ulm was such a worthwhile experience. I loved the history/cultural day and learned so much about New Ulm that I didn't know."  
*Laura Buechner, CLA*

"Being a new young professional in town, getting exclusive access to business, and making professional connections, has made the transition to incorporate myself into New Ulm much easier."  
*Curt Van Asten, August Schell Brewing Co.*

"I learned a lot about a town I have lived in for most of my life and met some awesome people. Would recommend 100% of the time."  
*Dan Sowers, Fuel Graphics*

"Being in Network New Ulm has helped to expand my understanding of the different businesses and a great way to meet other professionals in the area."  
*TJ Campbell, Turner Hall*

"As a life long New Ulmer, Network New Ulm showed me so many new things I've seen, but never knew a lot about."  
*Joey Warta, SouthPoint Financial Credit Union*

"Network New Ulm was a wonderful experience. For only living in the area for a couple of years, I was able to see so much and learn plenty about this great community."  
*Brittany Buesgens, Christensen Farms*

"Network New Ulm is one of the single most amazing opportunities of my professional career in the New Ulm area. After so many years of living and working in the area, I truly believed that I had a strong knowledge base of which to stand upon regarding the many things New Ulm has to offer. I couldn't have been more wrong! Every session I learned something new – everything from history, industry, education, communication and so much more. It was exciting to meet other professionals who I now count on as friends. Hands down, Network New Ulm has been a highlight of my career in New Ulm."  
*Sandra Juni, United Way*



## Participants

Individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences are invited to participate in the program. Twenty-four nominees will be chosen each year to represent a cross section of the community in terms of gender, ethnicity, age, occupation and organization.

## Application

All nominees complete an application that is reviewed by the Steering Committee. Applications may be obtained at the Chamber Office and are due at the Chamber by July 31, 2023. Full tuition is \$450 for employees of Chamber members, \$550 for non-members.

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# NNU NETWORK NEW ULM

## Community Leadership Program 2023-2024



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## Understanding Network New Ulm

### Organization

Originated by Blandin Leadership Alumni, Network New Ulm is sponsored each year by the New Ulm Area Chamber of Commerce. Graduates have the opportunity to participate as day-chairs for the next year's program.

### History

Established in 1997, Network New Ulm was developed to strengthen the quality of local leadership, which continues to be the key ingredient in giving the New Ulm area its well-earned reputation as an outstanding community.

### Mission Statement

Network New Ulm seeks to build a stronger community by providing a diverse group of emerging and existing leaders with the opportunities to enhance their community knowledge, civic network, and leadership skills.

## What is there to gain from Network New Ulm?



### Valuable for Employers

- Provides professional networking opportunities
- Offers exposure for your company
- Reinforces skills and imparts knowledge to participants
- Provides a package of effective, cost-efficient training
- Paves the way for cooperative efforts on current and future community projects



### Valuable to Participants

- Gain a greater understanding and perspective of the community
- Increase community participation and recognition
- Develop a new network of business professionals
- Improve community leadership skills
- Develop an awareness of issues and challenges affecting the New Ulm area

Participants spend one day per month receiving professional development training, networking opportunities and touring businesses, community assets, and local government.

## Programs for the 2023–2024 year are scheduled as follows:

### Community Leadership

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

### History and Culture

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

### Economic Health

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

### Community Health and Services

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

### Local Government

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

### Education

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

### St. Paul/Legislators

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

### Media and Communications

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

### Agriculture and Graduation

Wednesday, May 8, 2024