

5th Annual YP Iowa Conference: Focusing on the Core
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2008 Young Professionals of Iowa Conference Comes to Muscatine

Online Registration Opens

Join young professionals, business, and community leaders from across the state for the 5th Annual Young Professionals of Iowa (YPIowa) Conference: Focusing on the Core Identifying & Living Up to Your Potential, sponsored by the Muscatine Journal. The event will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center, Muscatine and throughout Downtown Muscatine.

The Annual YPIowa Conference is a statewide event that provides the connection, direction, and education to challenge Iowa's young professionals to be active leaders in their community and state. Through roundtable discussions, leadership success stories, and informative discussions from past and current leaders, attendees can leave the conference with a sense of state pride and incentive to become engaged in their community.

Attendees will also get the opportunity to meet and network with one another and discuss ways to ensure the state will be an attractive place for Iowans to live and work in the future. Hosted by the Young Professionals Network of Muscatine, this all day event will wrap up with a Networking Event at the Button Factory Woodfire Grill and live music at the Missipi Brewing Company in Muscatine's Cultural and Entertainment District. Additionally, the night before, Thursday, October 9th, an evening welcome reception will be held at Piazza Bella Catering Facility in Muscatine.

"As YPs are being asked to step into higher management positions at younger ages, it's important they are receiving the leadership training needed to be successful. Plus, at this conference YPs will get to network with other like minded individuals that share a passion for personal development and want to get involved and grow their communities and the state of Iowa," YPIowa President Virginia Anderson said. "YPN Muscatine will be a great host for this conference as they are a great example of a successful YP group in Eastern Iowa and will be well represented as this year's conference."

Participants can now register for the conference by visiting www.ypiowa.com. If you would like to become a sponsor or receive more information about the conference, contact the YPIowa Conference event planner, Annie Thomas. Many sponsors that have already signed on to support this event include: Muscatine Journal, Community Foundation of Muscatine, SSAB, St. Ambrose University, Muscatine Foods, Absorbent Technologies, Eichelberger Law Office P.C. and Musco Sports Lighting.

YPIowa's mission is to connect and engage young professionals in Iowa to take responsibility for the growth of their community and state. YPIowa will educate, communicate and advocate for young professionals. Groups in cities all across the state have organized to help young professionals in their communities become more involved leaders. The Greater Des Moines Partnership's Young Professionals Connection (YPC), Young Professionals of Ames (YPAmes), Sioux City Growth Organization, Davenport One, Access Iowa, Iowa Jaycees, and Young Professionals of Dubuque are just a few of the organizations that will be sending their members to the YPIowa Conference.