LEADERSHIP 04/20/2016 M. KINNEY

 The Leadership River Falls course has been going on since September, and in just a few weeks members of the fourteenth graduating class will commence their new roles as well-informed leaders in the community. Among participants in the program are employees of UW-River Falls. Molly Kinney has more.

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KINNEY: ON MAY FIFTH, LEADERSHIP RIVER FALLS STUDENTS WILL GRADUATE FROM THE NINE-MONTH COURSE AS MORE WELL-ROUNDED CITIZENS OF THE RIVER FALLS COMMUNITY. MARANDA MAHR, WHO IS THE PROGRAM AND EVENTS COORDINATOR FOR THE RIVER FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, TALKED A LITTLE ABOUT WHAT THE CEREMONY WILL BE LIKE.

MAHR: AND SO IT’S JUST A VERY, PRETTY CASUAL EVENT,WHERE WE INVITE EVERYBODY AND THEY CAN BRING, YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY FROM THEIR BUSINESS OR A CO-WORKER OR FAMILY MEMBER TO COME DOWN, BUT WE REALLY JUST LET THE GROUP KIND OF CHAT AND KIND OF BOND AND NETWORK AND ENJOY A LITTLE HAPPY HOUR FOR A BIT IN THE AFTERNOON, AND THEN WE ALSO AWARD KIND OF LIKE THEIR MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

KINNEY: ONE OF THOSE GRADUATING MEMBERS IS KRISTIN SAMP, WHO WORKS AT UWRF. SHE SAID THAT SHE COULDN’T BE MORE IMPRESSED WITH EVERYTHING THE COURSE HAS TAUGHT HER ABOUT THE COMMUNITY.

SAMP: I GUESS FOR ME IT’S JUST BEEN EYE OPENING... WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN THE COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW EVERYTHING FROM PUBLIC WORKS TO THE COUNCIL TO CHAMBER TO RETAIL, I MEAN IT’S JUST AMAZING TO ME WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN A COMMUNITY.

KINNEY: THE COMMUNITY PROJECT THE GROUP WORKED ON WAS DEVELOPING A YOUTH VERSION OF THE PROGRAM, THAT WILL MIMIC THE ADULT VERSION STARTING NEXT SEPTEMBER. FOR FALCON NEWS SERVICE, I’M MOLLY KINNEY.

The Chamber of Commerce encourages all community members to apply for the course. The fee is 800 dollars.

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