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To: Ames Media
From: Ames Chamber and Economic Development Commission
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Re: New Staff Joins Chamber Team

Ames Chamber Introduces New Team Members

Ames, IA –The Ames Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission is pleased to welcome Edana Delagardelle, Andrea Hammes Dodge, Brandon Mumm, and Calli Sandahl to the Chamber team.

“I am thrilled with the talented people we have recruited into our organization,” says Dan Culhane, President & CEO of the Chamber. “They are bright, high-energy individuals with terrific enthusiasm for the Ames and Story County community. We have a great history of attracting exceptional people to support the important work we do and this group is certainly no different.”

Delagardelle has accepted the role of Director of Client Support Services, where she will coordinate all front desk operations including distribution of relocation information, membership referrals, the scheduling of office meeting space and assistance with events. Prior to working with the Chamber, Delagardelle served on the Main Street Cultural District Team as the Event Coordinator. She earned her B.S. in restaurant hotel & institution management from Iowa State University.

Hammes Dodge will take on a new role as the Director of Public Relations. In this role she will implement all communications and marketing for the Chamber, manage the Leadership Ames program, and serve as staff liaison for The Ames Foundation, an affiliate of the Chamber. Hammes Dodge has 18 years of non-profit management experience working in fundraising and communications roles, most recently spent the last eight working for Mary Greeley Medical Center. Hammes Dodge graduated from Iowa State University with a B.S. in journalism and mass communication, and an M. Ed. in higher education.

Mumm, having three and a half years of experience with The Ames Tribune, will serve as the Director of External Business Relations. In this role he will manage all membership recruitment and retention. Mumm previously served as a marketing consultant with the Tribune. He earned his B.S. from Iowa State University in management and finance.

Sandahl will provide support for all marketing and communications plan of work, including the social media management as the Director of Program Management. Sandahl graduated with a B.S. from Iowa State University in speech communications and communications studies in 2015, where she then went on to work for Café Diem as store manager and marketing coordinator.

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