



Thursday, Nov. 14. Through cultural exploration, the Partnership aims to connect local business people to global experiences and opportunities. This trip will give attendees the opportunity to immerse in the country's culture and visit landmarks including the Panama Canal which has transformed global trade.

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BRAGGING RIGHTS

- The cities of **Clive**, **West Des Moines**, **Pleasant Hill**, **Indianola**, **Johnston** and **Urbandale** were among the Best Places to Retire in Iowa according to a ranking by *SmartAsset*.
- **Drake University** has been designated a military friendly school by Viqtory. This is the second consecutive year the University has earned this designation.
- **The Weitz Company** received the Eagle Award for construction excellence from the Association Builders and Contractors. The award was for the company's work on a 176-foot-tall feed mill.
- **Skate DSM**, a nonprofit dedicated to ensuring that skateboarding is celebrated and accessible, has launched. Skate DSM will host a new skate clinic and contest on Saturday, May 4 at Fourmile Skate Park. Skate DSM launches in advance of the Lauridsen Skatepark scheduled to open this year in Downtown DSM.
- **Hubbell Realty Company** will begin construction on Edison, a for-sale condominium community off of Southwest Seventh Street. The 52-unit building will be developed in two three-story buildings with a warehouse-like brick façade and walk-up units.
- **John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group** held a ribbon cutting at its new headquarters at 9505 Northpark Drive in Urbandale. The 135,000 square-foot facility will be home to around 700 employees.
- **Hoyt Sherman Place** received a \$200,000 grant from the Polk County Board of Supervisors for its \$3.5 million renovation.
- The Des Moines Financial Center and Altoona Water Tower were illuminated orange on April 21 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of **Easterseals**, the leading nonprofit serving Americans living with disabilities.
- **LightEdge** has announced Nate Olson-Daniel will take over as VP and Technical Fellow to further its commitment to delivering direct client access to LightEdge's broad technical knowledge and experience. Olson-Daniel has been on the engineering side of the organization for nearly 20 years.
- **Dallas County** is among the top 10 fastest-growing counties in the nation according to the *U.S. Census Bureau*. The county ranked #8 nationwide with a 36% increase since 2010.

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