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Join the Next Class of LEAD Fellows

LEAD Maryland Foundation will be accepting applications in 2018 for the next class of LEAD Fellows. The new group, Class XI, will participate in 2019-2020. Applications will be available online and accepted June 1 - October 1, 2018.

Class IX (2015-2017): UAE & India

Fellows completed a study tour in United Arab Emirates and India. Because it is important for leaders to understand other perspectives on public issues, and to see other ways to approach problem-solving, the LEAD study tour is an important part of program curriculum.

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Thank you to program graduates who participated in the “Alumni Challenge” during calendar year 2016. Congratulations to Class III (2003-2004) for leading the way with 77% of the class members making a donation to the Foundation, raising nearly $5,000! Collectively, all LEAD Alumni raised nearly $10,000!