The ALF National board is made up of wonderful and diverse leaders that I am glad I got the opportunity to meet and work with. Serving on the board over the years has helped me find commonalities between people from different backgrounds, political parties, and regions. Quite simply, ALF brings people together who want to do good for their communities and creates the relationships that allows for real change.

My message to Senior Fellows and Fellows is to get involved - both nationally and with your local chapter. Good leaders are hard to find and we are so glad we found you. We need your input and continued support to make this network even stronger and more connected.

Rolanda Pierre-Dixon
American Leadership Forum National Board Chair
American Leadership Forum Silicon Valley Class IX
American Leadership Forum - Great Valley Chapter celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary in Nov. 2018 with a beautiful Gala in the Delicato Family Vineyards exclusive Barrel Room. The event was a wonderful celebration of friends, family, sponsors and guests.

American Leadership Forum - Silicon Valley celebrated their 30th Anniversary in 2018 at Sharon Heights in Menlo Park. The celebration was an incredible gathering of Senior Fellows across the decades, rekindling relationships and celebrating network impact.

American Leadership Forum - Houston celebrated their 35th Anniversary in 2017. It was an amazing event with Senior Fellows from over 40 different classes spanning 35 years coming together to celebrate this important milestone.
Each Chapter offers different ways for Senior Fellows to stay involved and engaged well after graduation. Affinity groups, social gatherings, retreats, continuing education, Senior Fellow projects, reunions and special events are some of the ways that you can get engaged with your ALF network. Check in with your local chapter to see what they offer.
“My ALF experience taught me to stretch beyond my comfort zone, listen more than I speak and broaden my reach to include a wider community in our problem solving.”
Geales Sands (Class I, ALF - Waccamaw)
Executive Director, Frances P. Bunnelle Foundation

“ALF was an amazing experience in that it allowed me to learn more about myself, not just as a leader, but as a person. The team atmosphere not only helps with learning, but it has provided me with a network that I continue to reach out to for help and guidance on a regular basis.”
Jeffrey H. Ledford (Class XV, ALF Charlotte Region)
Shelby Police Department

“An amazing thing about ALF - Waccamaw is that when you get a message or call from a senior fellow, whether you know them or not, you respond, as do most other Senior Fellows.”
Saundra Rhodes (Class II, ALF - Waccamaw)
Chief of Police at The Horry County Police Department
“The gift of being chosen for an ALF Fellowship is priceless.”
Mark Bauhaus (Class XX, ALF - Silicon Valley)
Partner, Social / Environmental Impact Ventures, Just Business

“ALF gave me the opportunity to meet people I ordinarily would not have. Those people ended up becoming my friends, collaborators, and people I continue to communicate with.”
Maha Elgenaidi (Class XVII, ALF - Silicon Valley)
CEO, Islamic Network Group

“What really amazed me about my ALF class is that spending time with 20 other people gave me such a broader perspective other than my own - which I think is clearly the best part of the ALF program.”
Ken Janda (ALF Medical Community Class IV - ALF Houston)
Former CEO, Community Health Choice
“I believe the greatest benefit I received from my ALF Class V experience was getting to know some really fine people I probably wouldn’t have gotten to know so well were it not for ALF”

Jim Greenwood (Class V, ALF - Houston)
Former Houston City Council Member

“My experience with ALF training improved my ability to listen open-heartedly to people with whom I disagree. I’m more conscious in conversation and less reactive and therefore less likely to jump in quickly with judgment, argument or contradiction.”

Reverend Debra Brady (Class I - ALF Great Valley)
Sylvester Aguilar (Class X, ALF-Great Valley) was the recipient of the John Aguilar Spirit Award presented by the San Joaquin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Award recognizes those individuals who have dedicated themselves to their employees, communities, and to the causes of the Hispanic community.

The California Women for Agriculture group recently honored Susan Talamantes-Eggman (Class I, ALF-Great Valley) with its Cornucopia Award to celebrate her commitment to support California agriculture.

The Stanislaus County Commission for Women has honored Class V Senior Fellow Leng Power (Class V - ALF Great Valley) as one of their Outstanding Women for 2019.
Korbett Mosesly (Class XVIII - ALF Tacoma) recently became the Senior Policy Analyst for the Office of Equity & Human Rights at the City of Tacoma.

Sharon Chambers-Gordon (Class XX - ALF Tacoma) received the Gold Star Community Partner Award from Tacoma Public Schools for partnership with her organization, Raising Girls.

Lyle Quasim (Class II - ALF Tacoma) received the KBTC 2019 Community Impact Award.
Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins (Class XVI - ALF Silicon Valley), CEO and Co-Founder of Promise was featured in USA Today's as one of 21 influential black professionals in tech.

Darla K. Anderson (Class XXIV - ALF Silicon Valley), Academy Award winning producer of Pixar's Coco, has signed a multi-year development deal with Netflix. She will be developing and producing new animated and live-action projects for the company, which includes both feature films and series.

Ken Yeager (Class VI - ALF Silicon Valley) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from BAYMEC, an organization he co-founded in 1984 to help raise awareness and fight for LGBTQ rights.

Keith Krach (Class XV - ALF Silicon Valley) took the oath of office on July 21, 2019 as Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment.
The MRG Foundation is pleased to announce that, after a national search, Se-ah-dom Edmo (Class XXXI - ALF Oregon), has been hired to serve as Executive Director.

The Seattle City Council voted unanimously this past Monday to confirm Debra J. Smith (ALF Oregon Class XXII) as the new head of Seattle City Light.
Marvin Pierre (Class XLI - ALF Houston), Co-Founder/ Executive Director, Eight Million Stories, is among 19 social entrepreneurs from across the U.S. chosen to join the BBVA Momentum accelerator program.

Daniel W. Snare (Medical Community Class V, ALF Houston / Gulf Coast) President, American Leadership Forum, was appointed by Mayor Turner, to serve on the Commission Against Gun Violence.

Mandy Kao (Class XXXVIII - ALF Houston), President, Titan Management, was awarded as Community Ambassador of the Year.

Theresa Chang (Class XVI - ALF Houston), Judge - Civil County Court at Law #2, Harris County, was recognized with the Public Service Award by the Asian Chamber of Commerce at their 28th Annual Spirit of Entrepreneurship Awards Gala.
Are you on LinkedIn? Then consider following our ALF National LinkedIn page and joining our new ALF National LinkedIn Group, where Senior Fellows from different chapters can get connected. The page can be seen and followed by anyone wishing to learn more about ALF, whereas the group is exclusive to Senior Fellows and you must request to join. As a member of the ALF National LinkedIn Group, you can post and share with other members of the group. Contact your chapter for more information.

We want to grow the National ALF brand and provide opportunities for Senior Fellows to connect across different chapters. Let’s come together and build a national network to create even greater impact and positive change.
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