

FROM THE GRADUATES:

My experience in participating in LEAP has been an incredible journey of self improvement and discovery. While I expected the experience to enhance my leadership skills, I did not expect the positive impact it would have on my outlook on life, relationships, and commitment to public service.

— *Darlene W. Brooks*

LEAP has released my inner voice so that I can follow my passions; feel satisfied with my accomplishments; accept that leadership is indeed an affair of the heart not just the mind; and inspire and enable others to follow their own directions.

— *Marsha B. Liss*

After completing an eventful and exciting year in LEAP, I am so grateful to the employees and supervisors at DEA Headquarters, who took the time to teach and mentor me during a very busy time. Special thanks to my talented LEAP colleagues for their advice, and to EOUSA for opening up this incredible opportunity to someone from the field.

— *Carol L. Ruiz*

Any DOJ detail will teach you a lot, but LEAP takes that a step further by letting you decide what you want to try. The unexpected surprise was that LEAP also distilled the burgeoning field of leadership studies down to the most useful and credible concepts, presented in several different but consistent models.

— *Alan Burch*

I truly enjoyed my LEAP experience! Leadership is not about the leader, it's all about the people they serve. In order to be a successful leader, one must remain in love and have passion for what they do and then be able to inspire, motivate, and cultivate others.

— *Michelle A. Brickley*

The LEAP program motivated me to take the personal responsibility for my limitations and enabled me to effectively lead myself as well as others to success. Thank you Ms. Jones, LEAP program staff, mentors, and LEAP candidates for your caring, professional, and effective help. I owe you a debt of gratitude.

— *Elizabeth C. Galinski*

What an unbelievable experience LEAP has been! The opportunity for self development; to perform meaningful work in other Department Components; and to build a family of colleagues with a wide variety of experiences and perspectives was phenomenal.

— *James McDaniel*

The business of a leader is to turn weaknesses into strength, obstacles into stepping stones, and disaster into triumph. Our LEAP experience has provided the tools for all of us to be successful. The future is bright for all of us...we are all going somewhere and have the ability to persuade other people to go with us.

— *Warren A. Lewis*

For me, LEAP was not only a journey of self-discovery, but a journey of love. I truly stepped outside my comfort zone and not only did I survive, but I excelled. It's been an honor and a privilege to get to know so many different people from so many different Divisions of the Department. I will treasure this experience for the rest of my life.

— *George J. Schubert*

LEAP gave me a gift - the opportunity to learn new leadership concepts and methodology, the ability to identify my skills, learn how to improve on my lesser skills, and the knowledge of how to utilize these skills. I learned that being an effective leader requires continual learning and time.

— *Alexandra A. Vince*

LEAP helped me to establish a new network, increase its horizon, make fellowship, and learn an unorthodox discipline. I am taking with me the fellowship, love and respect gained in various settings from LEAP's structured learning and developmental activities.

— *Moeen K. Chowdhury*

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