

FROM THE GRADUATES:

My initial motivation for participating in LEAP was to enhance my management skills for career opportunities within the Department of Justice. What I did not anticipate was the positive impact the program would have on my outlook on life, my personal and professional relationships and my commitment to public service.

— *Victoria Lester*

Participation in the LEAP has been a great journey of self discovery and improvement. My leadership skills were enhanced; interpersonal relationship skills were expanded; and, the realm of possibilities for my career has been broadened.

— *Jacqueline Wilson*

I have no doubt that the Justice Department's willingness to make this investment will manifest itself in countless ways that, at this time, might only be imagined. I am very clear about one "return-on-investment," however: DOJ's confidence in me translates into an immeasurably heightened loyalty to this agency.

— *Nancy Ritter*

My participation in LEAP (for which I am truly grateful) allowed me to take an informed look at my strengths and weaknesses, develop and refine my qualifications, and gave me the tools needed to be an effective and successful leader.

— *Garland Sharp*

My LEAP experience provided me with a reflective lens to see how my actions help inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more. According to our sixth President, John Quincy Adams, that is the hallmark of a leader.

— *Laura Ivkovich*

The LEAP program was an incredible experience for me. I was able to one, learn something about my leadership abilities through the online assessments and two, experience different DOJ organizations through the development and shadowing assignments. Thank you and the DOJ for the opportunity.

— *Gerald Lambert*

The LEAP expanded not only my individual awareness of the critical responsibilities of DOJ components but also the opportunities for cross-fertilization and collaboration among components to support each other's mission.

— *Susan Crawford*

Participating in the LEAP has provided me with an exceptional opportunity to grow professionally, in-depth insight into my leadership style, and fine-tuned my communication, management and analytical skills for taking on challenges as I advance to the next level of my career.

— *Krista Blakeney-Mitchell*

To be a leader, you must believe in yourself. Leadership is the ability to deal with the unexpected and to be flexible. Communication is an essential tool for successful leadership.

— *Seeta Sookdeo*

The LEAP afforded me the opportunity to enhance my leadership skills across all the Executive Core Qualifications (ECQs), as well as provided the tools in order to effectively work as a future leader in the DOJ. Through a variety of developmental opportunities, I was able to display my leadership talents by actively supporting others in the achievement of their vision and mission at all levels throughout the Department.

— *Donnell Davis*

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Friday, July 25, 2008

1:00 p.m., The Great Hall

Robert F. Kennedy — Main Justice Building

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Reception Following Group Pictures

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