NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It’s fall in Athens—is there anything better? We hope this newsletter finds you well wherever you may be. As fall is a time for new beginnings on college campuses, this newsletter highlights opportunities for you to engage with ILA and give you an introduction to our new classes! Many of our alums consider ILA to be one of the most impactful parts of their college experience. You might feel the same way for various reasons – maybe from the personal growth you experienced as you completed your PDLP or the friendships you created within your cohort.

Your involvement in and fondness for ILA shouldn’t stop once you graduate, though. We want to encourage you to stay involved and help ignite the same feelings in our current and future students.

Each year, we poll our 1,500+ alums in the Annual Alumni Involvement Survey to gauge how we can best facilitate interactions with current ILA students and alums. If you haven’t already, please fill out this year’s survey so we can coordinate connections for you and our current Leonard Leadership Scholars and Leadership Fellows.

Thank you,
Dr. Laura Little
Synovus Director, Institute for Leadership Advancement

SPOTLIGHT ON INVOLVED ALUMS

“I enjoyed helping out with the application review process! This program has meant so much to me, and I appreciate all the effort and time spent making it so special.”
- Cassidy Harte, LLSP ‘17

“I loved being a part of the interview process for potential Leonard Leadership Scholars!”
- Sophie Frankham-Smith, LLSP ‘15
“I am continually amazed by the talented students in ILA and hope many will consider a career in the electric utility space and at Leidos.”

- Brad Swann, LLSP '03

Brad Swann (LLSP '03) serves as the guest Alum of the Day, meeting with students interested in energy and infrastructure consulting.

LEADERSHIP DAWGS

More than half of the inaugural class was identified by nominations from alums like you! The participants—Leadership Dawgs—are now experiencing their own ILA programming to become values-based, impact-driven leaders.

The program’s sessions (taught by ILA faculty) and the application of these insights through a community impact project are designed to help working professionals assess, define, and enhance their ability to lead teams and organizations.

If you haven’t already, please nominate a UGA alum in your network that would benefit from professional leadership development.

The curriculum aims to fine-tune skills to:

**Advance** your professional career

**Optimize** your team’s performance

**Cultivate** a diverse professional network

Jonathan Munneke (nominated by Harshal Choksi, 2018 Leadership Fellow) and Sydney Hasler (nominated by Megan Feight, LLSP '19) discuss the results of their Strength Deployment Inventory (SDI) at the 2022 Leadership Dawgs meeting.
NEW STUDENTS THIS SEMESTER

**Class of 2024 Leonard Leadership Scholars**

- **32 Students**
- **3.74 Average GPA**

**Class of 2022 Fall Fellows**

- **61 Students**
- **3.77 Average GPA**

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