2014 Women’s Leadership Academy at the Center for Women in Government & Civil Society (CWGCS) graduates 40 emerging and aspiring women leaders!!!

We are delighted to share with you this Special Issue of In Brief which showcases our 2014 Women’s Leadership Academy graduates and offers highlights of the Fellowship on Women & Public Policy and NEW Leadership™ New York programs. The Women’s Leadership Academy graduated 28 NEW Leaders and 12 Fellows in June 2014. We extend our best wishes to our aspiring and emerging leaders for continued success in the next phase of their lives, and dedicate this Special Issue to them and to all our partners who made these programs possible.

2014 NEW Leaders meet Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi during her visit to Albany.

Above: Fellows on Women & Public Policy and NEW Leaders with Honorable Kathy Sheehan, Albany City Mayor and Honorable Joanne Yespen, Saratoga Springs Mayor during an event where the Mayors shared their leadership lessons and journey to public office

Right: NEW Leaders at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. NEW Leaders heard from civil society leaders about their advocacy ef-
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Fellowship Highlights

Graduates of the Fellowship completed a rigorous six months on the job and in the classroom educational program that prepared them for public service leadership. Fellows learned about the public policy process and about leadership theory and practice through two graduate seminars. They learned how public policy is shaped and influenced by civil society organizations by means of coalition building, community mobilization and advocacy with policy makers through a series of expert panels led by statewide advocacy organizations. Each Fellow completed 30 hours a week of policy field experience where they contributed significantly to the work of their agencies and learned about real life policy making and implementation. They completed a series of workshop designed to enhance their leadership skills, and participated in a mentoring program. They applied their leadership skills by organizing two fundraising events and coordinating a 5 day policy trip to Washington DC. They led a workshop with NEW Leaders on speech development and public speaking.

These 12 graduates exemplified the promise of the Fellowship. They are true agents of change with unwavering commitment to advancing social justice and dedication to making a difference locally and global-
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2014 NEW Leaders

Simone Arrington  
Emily Badalamente  
Victoria Bonds  
Shelby Cleaveland  
Jacquelyn Costello  
Shakeena Culler  
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Hayley Dewey-Hagborg  
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NEW Leadership™ New York Highlights

Twenty Eight NEW Leaders completed an intensive 7 days Summer Institute designed to inspire them to consider public service careers and strengthen their civic engagement and advocacy on behalf of women. They explored the notion of political leadership, discussed policy making, running for office and public policy advocacy with role models and pioneers who have successfully shaped a more responsive landscape for women and their families. They met with leaders of grassroots, and advocacy organizations as well as elected and appointed women leaders. The NEW Leaders visited the United Nations and met with leading international non-profit organizations who are advancing social justice locally and globally. NEW Leaders came from every corner of New York State united in their quest for the knowledge and skills that would position them to enter public life. NEW Leaders apply for mini grants from CWGCS to implement a community based project that allow them to practice their leadership skills and contribute to advancing their social justice goals.
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