



Emerging Leaders Alliance

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We hope that you are doing well, and that you continue to utilize the knowledge and leadership skills obtained from attending the Emerging Leaders Alliance conference. Effective leadership is not a science . . . it's an art that requires practice and a conscious effort. In this edition of ELA Alumni News, we hope that you will find something useful to continue developing your leadership skills and personal growth.

— The Emerging Leaders Alliance



Join Us!

All ELA alumni are invited to attend the opening reception for the **2011 Emerging Leaders Alliance**. If you happen to be in the Washington, D.C., area on Thursday, 3 November 2011, we'd love to see you! The reception is from 5–6 p.m. and the location of the conference is below. RSVP to [Becky Waldrup](#) at ASCE by 14 October, if you'd like to attend.



**The Westin Tyson's Corner
7801 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Va., USA, 22043**



Don't Forget to Volunteer!

Part of leadership is volunteering your skills and knowledge. Make yourself available for volunteer positions at the society that sent you to the ELA leadership conference. Contact your engineering society and get involved. You may not have a lot of time to offer, but in this situation, a little goes a long way. Many opportunities exist to support student contests and events to introduce them to your field. One study goes so far as to say that those who are involved in volunteer positions tend to be more successful and prosperous. [Contact Us](#)



ELA Alumni Survey Results

Our thanks to all ELA alumni who completed our research survey this past July. We are pleased to share the following:

Overall, how satisfied are you with the Emerging Leaders Alliance program?

- 35% Extremely Satisfied
- 54% Very Satisfied
- 10% Satisfied
- 0% Very Dissatisfied
- 0% Extremely Dissatisfied



Since you attended, has the ELA been beneficial to your career?

- 79% YES
- 21% NO

How would you rate the overall usefulness of the ELA program?

- 25% Extremely Useful
- 40% Very Useful

27% Useful
8% Somewhat Useful
0% Not Useful

New Online Resource Library

Have you recently taken on a new role as team leader? Been given a project to manage within your department? Or perhaps been asked to write a new project proposal? If so, the ELA is pleased to offer the [new Resource Library](#) on the [ELA website](#). In the Library, you will find e-books on these and other topics — all geared toward improving your abilities as a leader! The library also includes podcasts on topics such as team building, ethics and communication skills. *These resources are great tools to boost your skills and confidence when that new assignment comes your way!*

ELA Social Media

We are looking for alumni volunteers who would be willing to help fuel ELA social media discussions/promotions. If you are a LinkedIn groupie or a tweeter who enjoys Facebook and would be interested, contact [Michele Lawrie-Munro](#).

The Voice of Experience

We all know that “getting ahead” is not really what life’s all about . . . but sometimes good advice can be expressed in these terms. [Take a look](#) at a recent article that was penned by an ASME member reflecting on a 50-year career in engineering.

Your Story. Is Our Story

The ELA was established in 2008 to provide cost-effective, high-quality training and networking for emerging leaders in the engineering and scientific community. The impact of this unique program is derived from its cross-disciplinary collaboration and is intended for members and staff from engineering-related organizations. The ongoing success and impact of the ELA can be seen through the accomplishments of our alumni. Take a look at what other alumni are up to, and [let us know](#) of your good news!

"You may or may not recall, I have an engineering company, ScienceTomorrow, LLC. My company is doing much better. I have moved my business to the Washington, D.C. area for serving customers better. I have made several connections and decisions based on ELA reinforcement. It was a great experience and learning. I am sure the training will help me even more going forward. Thanks for organizing this. I would definitely like to pay back the ELA."

*Nayak Subhadarshi
Science Tomorrow, LLC
2010 ELA Alumnus*

"Just wanted to update the ELA with the fact that I have just moved to Abu Dhabi, UAE."

*Best regards,
Tony Thomas
Reservoir & Production Instructor
2009 ELA Alumnus*