

# BUSH LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

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**Mohamed M. Alabari**  
Woodbury, MN

Program Specialist  
Minneapolis Public Schools

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in public affairs at the University of Minnesota

**Goal:** To become an educational policy leader who can advise leaders in the African community and mainstream public education on the development, implementation and evaluation of educational programming that will benefit all students

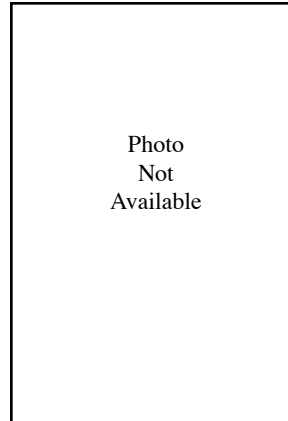


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**A. S. Elkhader**  
Aberdeen, SD

Professor of Mathematics  
Northern State University

**Plan:** To attend the 2008 Management Development Program at Harvard University and various leadership conferences

**Goal:** To be a resource for the South Dakota higher education community by increasing my knowledge of management and leadership in higher education



**Karrie L. Azure**  
Bismarck, ND

Project Director  
United Tribes Technical College

**Plan:** To pursue a master's degree in business administration with a healthcare emphasis at the University of Mary

**Goal:** To work to establish a treatment facility that will address the gap in services to American Indians for methamphetamine treatment



**Feben T. Gobena**  
New Brighton, MN

Commercialization Leader  
3M

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in business administration .

**Goal:** To increase my understanding of business and management skills, and to work with the African community to increase trade between the U.S. and specific African countries



**Angelique M. Brown**  
Minneapolis, MN

Chief Compliance Officer  
NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center

**Plan:** To pursue a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in healthcare administration at Baylor University

**Goal:** To improve the health and socioeconomic outcomes for African American adolescent girls by creating holistic healthcare delivery systems that reduce rates of teen pregnancy



**David E. Gundale**  
St. Paul, MN

Teacher on Special Assignment  
St. Paul Public Schools

**Plan:** To pursue a doctorate in education at Hamline University with an emphasis on learning organizations and engineering education

**Goal:** To become an expert in integrating science, technology and mathematics through engineering/ invention projects and inspiring Minnesota students in the process



**Angie Eilers**  
St. Louis Park, MN

Research and Policy Director  
Growth and Justice

**Plan:** To study a new policymaking framework that uses evidence-based research and cost analysis in the decision-making process through a self-directed study program

**Goal:** To convince policymakers of the advantages and usefulness of non-partisan policy research and cost-benefit analysis for policymaking purposes



**Shalini Gupta**  
Minneapolis, MN

Senior Energy Associate  
Izaak Walton League

**Plan:** To study energy and equity issues through a self-directed study program

**Goal:** To be at the forefront of a diverse, community- and social justice-oriented movement that is working to transform the current energy system to be cleaner, more decentralized and more inclusive in its decision-making process

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**Renee M. Gurneau**  
Shevlin, MN

Independent Consultant

**Plan:** To complete a master's degree in Indigenous knowledge and philosophy at Seven Generations Education Institute, and to become a more fluent Ojibwe speaker through a self-directed study program

**Goal:** To develop an Indigenous knowledge institute that will have Indigenous self-knowledge as the focus



**Christine D. McCart**  
Spearfish, SD

Instructor/Outdoor Education Program Coordinator  
Black Hills State University

**Plan:** To pursue a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis on experiential/outdoor education at the University of New Hampshire

**Goal:** To expand my sphere of influence in promoting outdoor education practice in formal and non-formal education settings and in eco-tourism settings



**Kris Johnson**  
Minneapolis, MN

Program Coordinator, Ecosystem Science and Sustainability Initiative  
University of Minnesota

**Plan:** To complete a Ph.D. in conservation biology at the University of Minnesota

**Goal:** To improve the sustainability of food and energy production by providing scientific analysis that informs public policy for biofuels and agriculture



**Frank R. Moe**  
Bemidji, MN

State Representative  
Minnesota House of Representatives

**Plan:** To pursue a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis in recreation, park and leisure studies at the University of Minnesota

**Goal:** To grow in my ability to help Minnesotans increase the quantity and quality of their outdoor experiences



**Karla Kinstler**  
Houston, MN

Director/Naturalist  
City of Houston Nature Center

**Plan:** To study nonprofit organizational leadership, event management, owl handling, and raptor field techniques through a self-directed study program

**Goal:** To develop and operate a nationally recognized owl education center that educates and involves people in caring for the environment



**Melanie A. Nadeau**  
Rolla, ND

Research Technician  
Turtle Mountain Community College

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in public health at the University of Minnesota

**Goal:** To improve my skills and effectiveness as a researcher, become a principal investigator and develop interventions that impact health disparities in my community



**Don L. Kriens**  
Oakdale, MN

Principal Engineer  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in environmental health management at Harvard University

**Goal:** To reduce the risk of environmental contaminants on the Minnesota public



**Fardin Oliaei**  
North Oaks, MN

Environmental Consultant  
Peak Enviroscience

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in public administration at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and to study environmental health policy through a self-directed study program

**Goal:** To improve the health and well-being of less privileged communities and environments

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**Kimberly C. Strand**  
Eagan, MN

Independent Consultant  
Strand Communications

**Plan:** To obtain a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota

**Goal:** To be a leader in reducing the economic disparities for American Indians through improved access to economic and business development opportunities



**Elizabeth A. Swenson**  
Brainerd, MN

Literacy Collaborative District Trainer  
Brainerd ISD #181

**Plan:** To pursue a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis in training and performance improvement at Capella University

**Goal:** To teach parents, teachers and community members about the importance of literacy and develop tools that will help school districts reduce the number of Special Education students



**Anton S. Treuer**  
Bemidji, MN

Associate Professor  
Bemidji State University

**Plan:** To increase understanding of linguistics through a self-directed study program, and to research and write the first pedagogical grammar book for the Ojibwe language

**Goal:** To help revitalize the Ojibwe language through the research and publication of quality scholarship about Ojibwe language and culture