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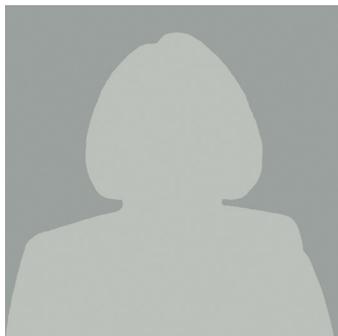
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"I have noticed that, simply being a former [fellow], I have an instant connection and positive response from the many other former [fellows] with whom I work on a daily basis."

-Dr. Michael Carroll

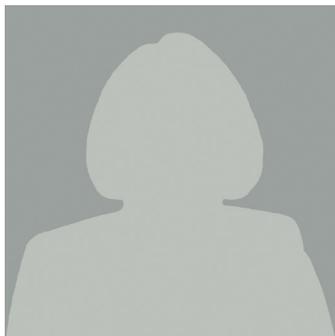
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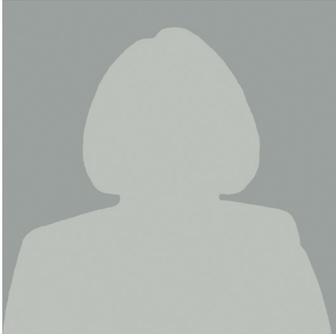
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"Being a participant in the program has assisted in providing employment and educational opportunity."

-Sandra English



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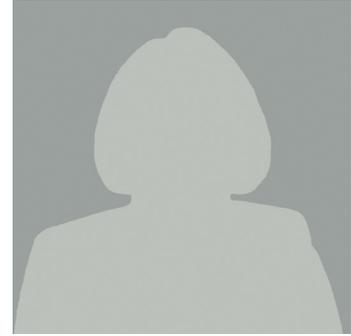
Moved to California

2007 Participant in "Wife Swap," reality television series

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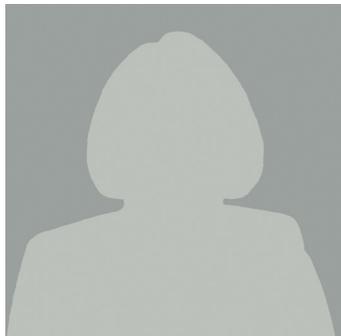
"The LSC [fellowship] program was an excellent opportunity to enter the world of state politics."

-Kim Hess



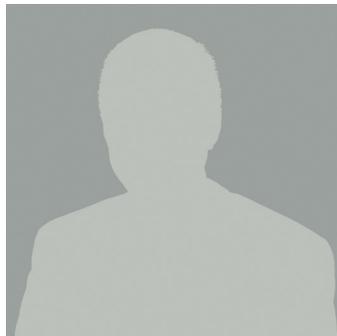
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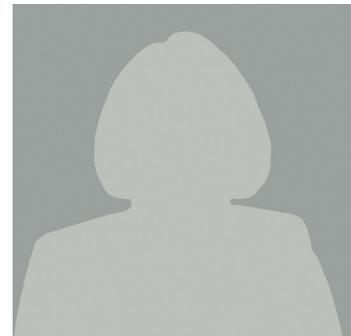
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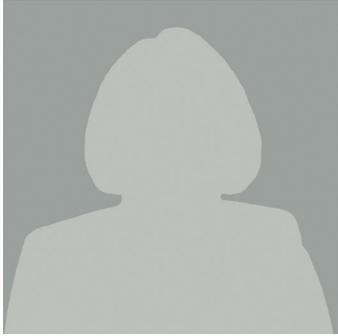
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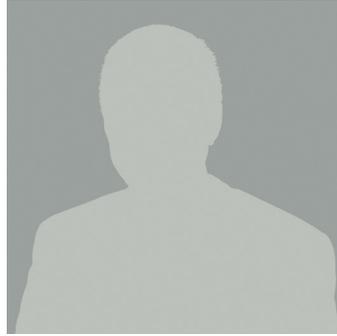
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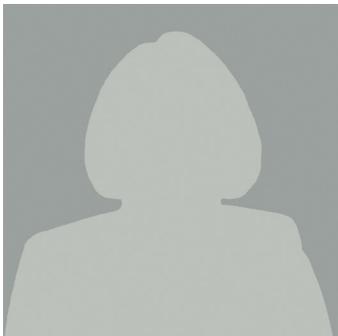
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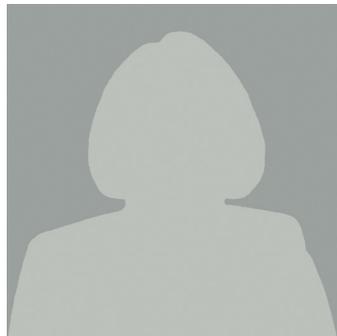
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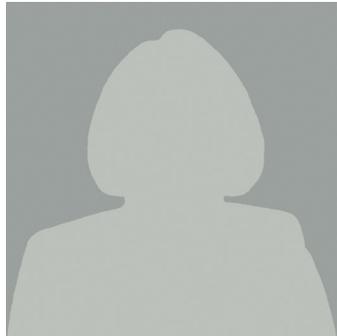
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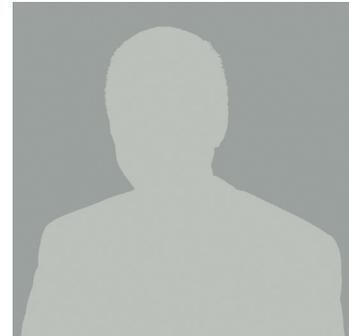
“The [fellowship] gives a great basic background of public policy, a great networking opportunity if you want to stay in state government or public service.”

-Susan McDonald



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Aaron Ockerman

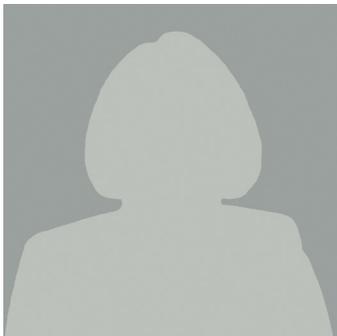
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“The LSC [fellowship] program provided me with the basis of knowledge necessary for a career in the legislative process. More importantly, it introduced me to the people who have helped me at every step of my career.”

-Aaron Ockerman



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“As one of the two first telecommunications [fellows] assigned to Ohio Government Telecommunications, it was a privilege to get a firsthand look at how the legislature works from ‘behind the camera.’”

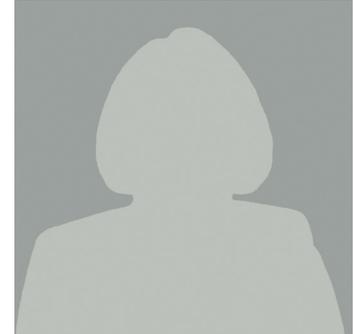
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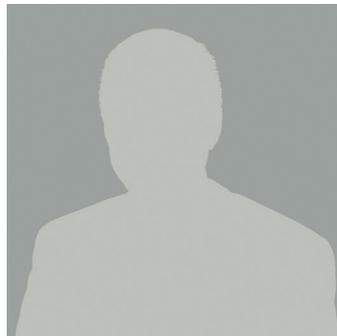
“Through the LSC [fellowship], I not only learned about the political process—I experienced it. Being assigned to the Ohio Senate was particularly advantageous—much of what I learned there can be applied to my current work in shaping public policy.”

-Heather L. Sidwell



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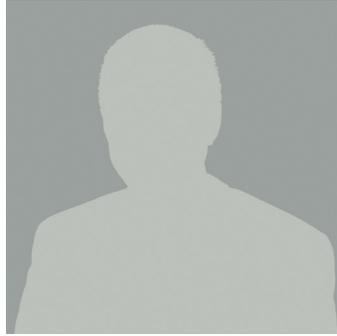
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“The LSC [fellowship] gave me my wings after law school. I learned about the day-to-day workings of the legislature and the political process. In addition, I made many good friends and professional contacts with whom I still keep in touch.”

-Courtney Wilson



Jason V. Young

“The LSC telecommunications [fellowship] experience at OGT offers a hands-on opportunity to participate in every level of the production process—something most people in the field don’t get the chance to do, especially right out of college. The [fellowship] program is an awesome jump-start to a rewarding career in either the public or private sector. It helped me develop a variety of production and graphic skills as they relate to the television world and provided an opportunity to work on a myriad of projects!”

-Jason V. Young

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1997 fellows took a moment for a “photo op” following a visit to former LSC fellow Congressman John Kasich