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Without scholarships, what will others be missing?

Certainly, without the scholarship program, I think ALF would be missing out on the full field of diversity and relationships that would develop the common good for our community. For the scholarship recipient, like myself, I would be missing the unique feeling of having such a valuable and important support system. I would also be missing out on what I consider to be lifelong friendships with my dear colleagues.

What has ALF's impact been on you?

Certainly, the ALF experience helped me understand and develop tools for listening and dialogue on complex issues. I found a new confidence in interacting with diverse leaders for the common good by understanding differences and exploring engagement for the common good.

Going through this journey with Class XLV was an amazing experience engaging with dear friends from all walks of life. ALF empowered me to experience spiritual awareness and learn from so many different sectors. This also led to collaborations in my work around specific programs with Senior Fellows in my class that will ultimately enhance the community such as the Eviction Prevention pilot. For me, the primacy of relationship was key to build this new level of community.

What does being part of the ALF network mean to you?

It means so much, friendship, trust, a way to seek advice...essentially a sounding board and a way to help build community together.