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Announcing the Graduation of the 2018 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Cohort

North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County (Promise Zone): On Saturday, September 15th, the inaugural cohort of the 2018 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows will graduate from the program.

We are inviting the media to attend the graduation event to witness and document the work, the personal development, and future aspirations of the 23 leaders who participated in this extensive 9-month advanced leadership-training program.

- The graduation is from 9:00 am to noon at Central Print (2624 North 14th Street, St. Louis, MO 63106). The graduation program includes presentations on policy issues by the fellows, a keynote by Mike Jones, awarding of University of Missouri - St. Louis Chancellor's Certificates in Civic Leadership, and a reception with cake and punch.

The mission of Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF) is to increase and amplify the voices of North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County residents at civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods. The primary geographic focus for the program is the federally designated St. Louis Promise Zone. NLF is a program of Creating Whole Communities (a collaboration between UMSL, MU Extension and St. Louis neighborhoods) and the St. Louis Promise Zone-St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.

Please join us in supporting the 23 Neighborhood Leadership Fellows as they work to produce a brighter future for all in the St. Louis region.

Contact for question or to schedule a time for interviews:

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Please visit cwc.umsl.edu/nlf/ to learn more about the program, see bios of the 23 fellows, and view a short video of the fellows highlighting their NLF experience.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program Partners:

- Creating Whole Communities (CWC)
 - University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL)
 - University of Missouri – Extension (MU Extension)
- St. Louis Promise Zone – St. Louis Economic Development Partnership