



DALAI LAMA FELLOWS

# 2015–2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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In 1958, the 29-year-old Martin Luther King, Jr. memorably observed in the magazine *Gospel Messenger* that “the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.” Right now, it feels as though that arc needs both underpinning and lateral pressure. We find ourselves today in a cultural and political reality that challenges our values at home and abroad, and threatens freedom and equity, especially for the most vulnerable amongst us. In these times of domestic and global turbulence, the fulfillment of Dalai Lama Fellows’ purpose is more urgent than ever before.

At the core of our work is the mission to build a global movement of young leaders committed to applying universal values to address challenges around the world. We are investing in these leaders now, to strengthen the prospect for a more just future. DLF’s global family of more than 100 Fellows from 25 nations is leading with compassion and ethics on campuses, at their project sites and at workplaces around the world. Our core values—integrity, interdependence, resilience, “humbition” and courage—describe the society to which we aspire and the kind of leadership that we cultivate, the kind that right now seems to be increasingly undervalued and imperilled. In response, we are redoubling our efforts, digging deep for resilience and especially for courage: the courage to withstand and to persevere, to hold the course for morality, justice and collaborative action.

Over the past year, we are pleased to have brought 19 2016 Fellows, 70 first-time donors and scores of new allies and partners into our community. We hosted eight “Conversations Matter” gatherings—free public events in Northern California and New York City, on the topic of moral courage. This spring, we will welcome the 2017 Dalai Lama Fellows with open arms and open hearts. They will be the first class to experience our collaborative online learning platform, which will enable us to magnify and deepen our impact with both Fellows and other constituencies.

We are also laying the groundwork this year to launch two new initiatives: “City Fellows,” in which we will name Fellows jointly with municipalities in the U.S. and internationally, and “Fellows at Work,” where we will bring our “Head, Heart and Hands” leadership curriculum to the business sector.

Thank you for joining us on this important journey. We appreciate your continuing support and engagement as we move forward.

With gratitude,

Marty Krasney  
Executive Director



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# OUR WORK

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> Dalai Lama Fellows is **Reimagining Leadership** by cultivating and supporting a global movement of next generation leaders applying universal values to solve global challenges



Photo by Denise Applewhite



“Our world faces daunting challenges that can only be overcome if all of us, especially young people, make commitments to thinking and acting out of a genuine sense of global responsibility.

It heartens me to know that this global program focuses on promoting leadership, improving cross cultural and inter-religious cooperation, diminishing violence, mitigating economic disparities, and enhancing environmental sustainability.”

— The Fourteenth Dalai Lama





- > Dalai Lama Fellows provides an opportunity for next generation leaders to apply the Dalai Lama's teachings on mindfulness, compassion and universal values to solving global challenges





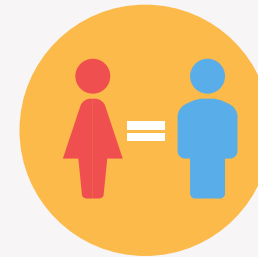
Over the course of a year, with the support of mentors and coaches, each Fellow designs and implements an original social impact project addressing global challenges:



Diminishing Violence



Mitigating Economic  
Disparities



Working for  
Gender Equity



Improving Cross-  
Cultural & Interreligious  
Cooperation



Enhancing  
Environmental  
Sustainability





> After completing their Project Year, Fellows become part of a LifeLong Learning Community, where they continue to engage around our vision and core values, while turning to each other and to us for support and collaboration.





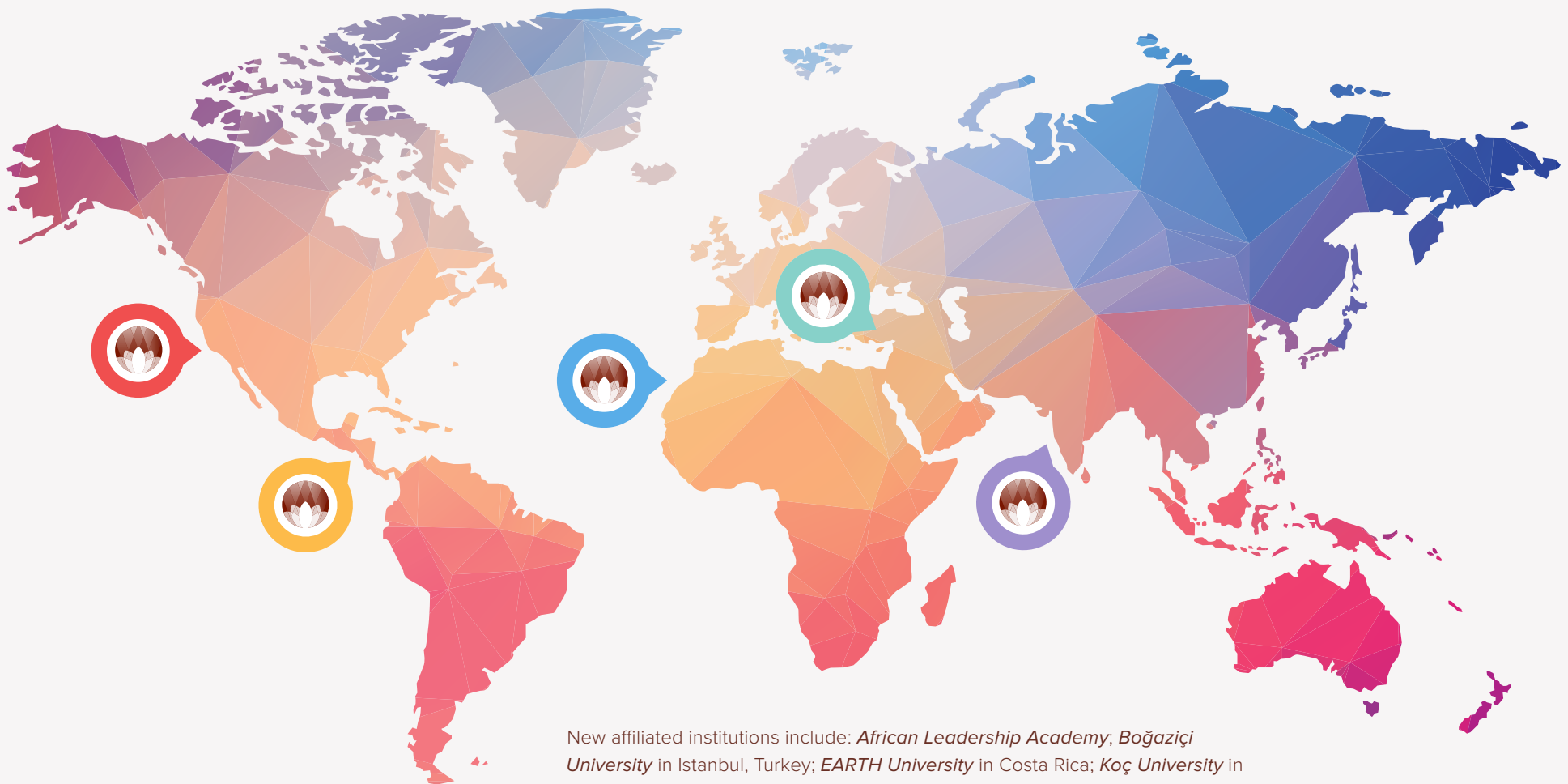
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We welcomed 19 Dalai Lama Fellows into our 2015 Class and 19 Fellows into our 2016 Class. Our global community comprises 101 Fellows, representing more than 20 institutions and 25 nationalities.



New affiliated institutions include: *African Leadership Academy*, *Boğaziçi University* in Istanbul, Turkey; *EARTH University* in Costa Rica; *Koç University* in Istanbul, Turkey; *Morehouse College* in Atlanta, Georgia, USA; *Nalanda University* in Bihar, India; and *University of Virginia* in Charlottesville, Virginia, USA.



# 2015 CLASS

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## Institution and Project Location



Rehan Adamjee

*Stanford University*  
Karachi, Pakistan



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Istanbul, Turkey



Grace Amponsah

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Charlottesville, Virginia, USA



Alex Ding

*Global Citizen Year*  
Chicago, Illinois, USA





# 2015 CLASS

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## Institution and Project Location



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*Spelman College*  
Atlanta, Georgia, USA



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*New York University*  
New York, New York, USA



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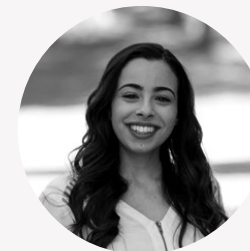
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*Tata Institute of Social Studies*  
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*UC Irvine*  
Irvine, California, USA



# 2016 CLASS

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## Institution and Project Location



Benjamin Brunot

*McGill University*  
Montréal, Canada



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*Spelman College*  
Atlanta, Georgia & San  
Francisco, California, USA



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Abu Dhabi, UAE



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# 2016 CLASS

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## Institution and Project Location



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Bihar, India



Derick Omari

*Ashesi University*  
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Princeton, New Jersey, USA



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Oaxaca, Mexico



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*Morehouse College*  
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# 2015 FELLOWS: PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

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2015

# NGOR MAJAK ANYIETH

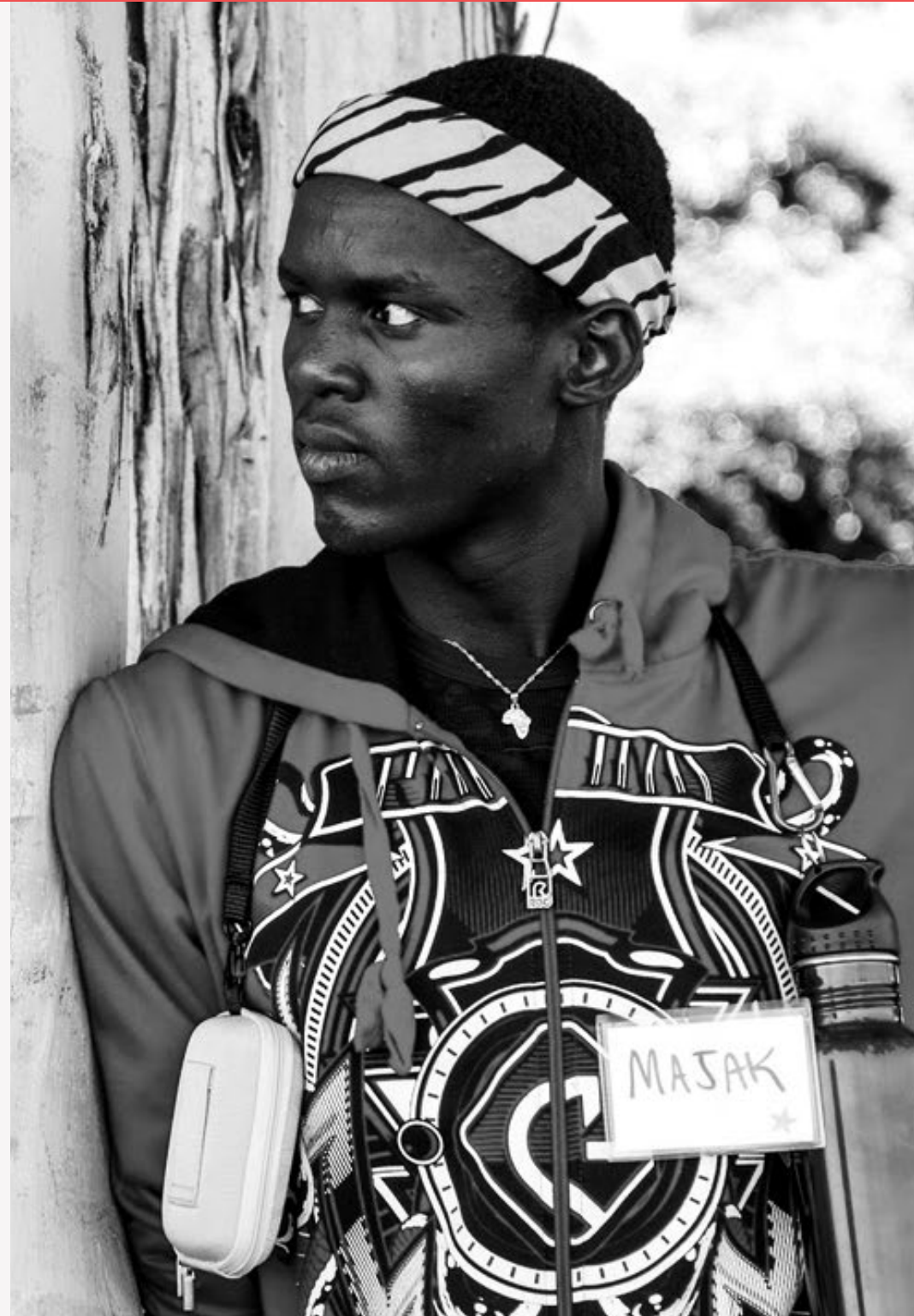
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SOUTH SUDAN

Project: *Education Bridge*

Started a local school where he convened 20 high school students from opposing ethnic tribes to engage in cross collaborative dialogue

PLAY VIDEO



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2015

# RITU MURALIDHARAN & SOFIA GOMEZ-DOYLE

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UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Project: *Girls' Education Network*

Served 278 girls in middle school & high school representing 22 different schools throughout Abu Dhabi

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2015

# SAMIR GOEL & HANNAH DEHRADUNWALA

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Project: *Transfertation*

Redeployed approximately 16,500 pounds of surplus food from companies and restaurants to homeless shelters and soup kitchens in New York City

PLAY VIDEO





2015

## SANCHITA DAS

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INDIA

Project:

***AGRENDIA: Green Saavy Leaders***

Worked with teachers and 24 tribal youth to design an ecological learning tool for environmental conservation

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2015

## DR. CHARLES BATTE

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UGANDA

Project: *Tree Adoption Uganda*

Empowered 20 young agro-entrepreneurs in rural communities, combating unemployment & environmental degradation. Planted 10,570 trees and reached 1,650 youth through activities with three schools.

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# PUBLIC PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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- > In March of 2016, in alignment with the Dalai Lama's call for more dialogue across differences, we launched *Conversations Matter*, a series of experiential public programs on the topic of moral courage and compassion.
- > *Conversations Matter* features social change leaders along with Dalai Lama Fellows who are exemplars of moral courage within their respective fields, including healthcare, education, workplace behavior and environmental justice.





- > We hosted eight conversations in New York City and Northern California. Diverse groups of young leaders, students, artists, and professionals joined in community and conversation.
- > People came together to engage in conversations on topics such as:
  - Improving Access to Health
  - Applying Moral Courage to Social Innovation
  - Courage in Designing for Inner Transformation
  - The Courage to Forgive

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# FINANCIALS

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# 2015–2016 INCOME STATEMENT

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July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

## Revenue

Foundations .....	\$662,000
Individuals .....	\$384,117
Other Revenue .....	\$13,574
Total Revenue .....	<u>\$1,059,691</u>

## Expenses

Program .....	\$521,622
General & Administrative .....	\$119,494
Occupancy .....	\$43,296
Resource Development .....	\$102,313
Total Expenses .....	<u>\$786,725</u>

Contribution to Fund Balance \_\_\_\_\_ \$272,966

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Executive Director



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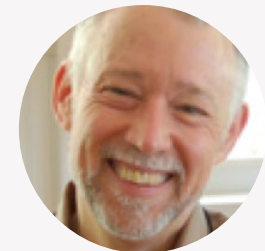
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We welcomed four new members to the “Head, Heart and Hands Fund,” a group of donors who give \$10,000 or more annually.

To learn more about supporting our work, please contact Natalie Conneely, Director of Resource Development, at [nconneely@dalailamafellows.org](mailto:nconneely@dalailamafellows.org)





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“Because of the sad state of the world,  
we need Dalai Lama Fellows more than ever.  
We need to focus on building more empathetic  
and compassionate leaders.”

— Kavita N. Ramdas

*Dalai Lama Fellows Advisory Council Member*

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