



Greetings,

We're all eager to wrap up what has been a mild winter and to welcome spring, which will be an exciting time for all of CUP's valued members.

We're excited about the announcement of our new 2016 CUP Fellows, another class of 26 highly accomplished diverse men and women who represent the next generation of leaders in the financial services, legal, media & entertainment, digital & technology, nonprofit, and public sectors. These impressive CUP Fellows have worked internationally, founded their own companies and advised everyone from world leaders to heads of state.

The CUP Fellows Program kicked off with a networking reception for the incoming class and alumni on February 18, followed by an intensive day-long retreat hosted by Citi on February 20 designed to facilitate cross-cohort connections and sharpen their leadership skills. We look forward to working with them over the next year and will continue to update you on their progress and successes throughout the fellowship. To learn more about this year's CUP Fellows, [click here](#).

We're also thrilled about the success of our **2nd Chief Diversity Officer Roundtable** "*Does Diversity Create Bottom Line Value?*", hosted by Thomson Reuters on February 23. The well-attended event in Times Square attracted over 80 diverse professionals who listened to a dynamic panel discuss building diversity programs within corporations. Attendees then broke into small roundtable discussions and actively participated in answering a variety of questions.

Be sure to look out for tickets going on sale soon to our **9th Annual Leadership Gala**, which will take place on April 7 at Cipriani 42nd Street®. We look forward to seeing our diverse network of members turn out at this key fundraiser, which promises to be an evening filled with great networking and conversation. The money raised helps fund important membership benefits ranging from our Distinguished Leadership Series events to professional development workshops.

If you'd like to be more active in CUP, don't hesitate to reach out to Jenn Olayon at jolayon@cupusa.org to about ways to do so. We're here to ensure that membership is a satisfying and rewarding experience.

Don't forget to connect with CUP and stay up to date on all news, events, and programming through our website www.cupusa.org, [Twitter](#) , [Facebook](#) , [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

Best Wishes,

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