Notes from the Editor

It has been over 5 months since the last newsletter – and our world has totally changed!!

Please send news or other fun facts to leslie2barry@gmail.com or lbarry@actiac.org
Thanks, Leslie

Fellows Everywhere!

There are Fellows everywhere! Stay Connected on our closed FB (over 600) and LinkedIn (over 550) groups to get to know the 1000+ Fellows!

Leslie Barry, Editor

These are unprecedented times, and I know we are all ready for this pandemic to be done! Hope is on the horizon and hope all Fellows are getting their vaccines when it becomes available! Hopefully we will see each other in person again soon – until then, stay safe!

VOYAGERS

2021 GRADUATION & WELCOME 2022 CLASS

September 30 – 4:00 to 7:00 pm
Lake Fairfax Park – Pavilions J&K
1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA

Free Event for Fellows to WELCOME new Fellows and greet Future Fellows - and we need to know you are coming! We will provide snacks & water – bring your beverage of choice!

Sign up NOW!! https://www.actiac.org/act-iac-event/voyagers-celebration-meet-and-greet

The event is outdoors and we ask that only fully vaccinated attend and that if you not feeling well stay home.

ACT-IAC Award Nominations - Now Open – Nominate your fellow FELLOWS!!

Each year, ACT-IAC confers awards in our community to individuals who embody the ACT-IAC mission of accelerating government mission outcomes through collaboration, leadership and education. Every award considers the extraordinary impact an individual has made in creating a more effective, innovative and responsive government.

A special selection committee is appointed, composed of both government and industry members, to select the awardees, and an invitation to submit award nominations is provided to ACT-IAC members. Award committee members may also suggest worthy candidates. Most, if not all, of the awards will be conferred during the Imagine Nation ELC Conference each year. However, depending on identified candidates, some awards may not be given out every year. NOMINATE TODAY
Here is the list of future Fellows:

**Government Voyagers**
- Monique Avant, GSA
- Jennifer Davis, Veterans Affairs
- Ryan Hoesing, GSA
- Sally Ibrahim, IRS
- Jacky Jean-Jacques, Veterans Affairs
- Julian Kirkland, GSA
- Sangeeta Kumar, USCIS
- Cassandra Morgan, USDA
- Astria Newman-Weathers, HHS
- Jason Novotny, GSA
- Stephanie Patterson, Veterans Affairs
- Kevin Pendleton, Veterans Affairs
- Pabha Rajendran, USCIS

**Industry Voyagers**
- Lakishia Belizaire, Creative Enterprise Solution, LLC. DBA Beyond20
- Kevin Costello, ECS Federal
- Kristina Devine, CGI Federal
- Anthony Falcone, Salesforce
- Erin Fitzgibbons, Octo Consulting Group
- Samantha Hess, Avantus Federal
- Zach Jenks, VerticalApps
- Simone Mannello (Baron), SAIC
- Jamie Mullaney, Jefferson Consulting Group, LLC
- Jen Nguyen, Leidos
- John Osinski, IBM
- Leonard Skipper, Verizon Public Sector
- Carter Smith, GDIT
- Arfa Syed, Sure Secure Solutions

**LEADERSHIP:** Chairs: Paula Wagner V08, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Steve Hoffman ’07, Trustwave Government Solutions -- Vice Chairs: Michael Palmer ’13, DHS; Jennifer Kirkoff V05, ICF; Rebecca Weaver V12, CGI Federal

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**Your Upgraded ACT-IAC & FELLOWS User Experience – Time to Take the Next Steps**

ACT-IAC launched last month our new systems implementation to improve your user experience, provide expanded capabilities, and simplify/automate business processes (e.g., meeting/event registration, payments, etc.). You will need to reset your password at [www.actiac.org](http://www.actiac.org) to remain connected and take advantage of the new tools and functionality. Over the next few months, we hope to leverage this new system to expand and simplify communications amongst the entire Fellows Community and between individual classes. STAY TUNED!

**Please take a moment to take the following steps:**

- Create a new password. You’ll need to create a new password on your first login to support our upgraded security requirements.
- Review and update your profile. This will ensure your data is accurate and you receive timely and useful information.
- Update your interests. This will help us to match relevant content to your specific needs.
- Set up a stored payment method. This optional step is available to streamline ordering, but only if you want to use it.

By taking a few minutes to complete these steps, you will help us complete the system upgrade and ensure you don’t miss any opportunities to continue to engage to accelerate government mission outcomes! [UPDATE YOUR PASSWORD]

**OTHER DATES TO NOTE:**

*(planned to be in person – as the situation allows)*

**November 2021**
- 7-9: ELC, Gettysburg

**December 2021**
- 8: ACT-IAC Membership Meeting
- 13: Fellows Holiday Party
News, Adds & Changes

First, apologies, some of this news is dated (meaning I had not heard it before, or I was just woefully out of date). Other news is fresh off the press. So, if you have news, share with your class liaison or with me at lbarry@actiac.org.

Second, shout out to FELLOWS who CONTINUE TO LEAD – election results for the IAC Executive Committee (EC):

- Malcolm Harden ’09 as Executive Vice Chair
- Allen Ashbey, SAIC ’12
- Zhenia Klevitsky V06, Sev1Tech
- Anita Lynn ’12, BRMi
- Darryl Peek V13, Google
- Cheryl Waldrup’12, Aleut Federal

And CONGRATS to Gary Washington ’06, USDA who is now the President of ACT!

They join the following Fellows already on the ACT & IAC ECs:

- Darren Ash ’05, USDA
- Vera Ashworth ’16, GSA
- Jonathan Benett V05, Adobe
- Ann-Marie Johnson ’99, ArdentMC
- Steve Krauss V05
- Michael Skorny V13
- Joanne Woytek ’09
- Kelly Morrison V07, Grant Thornton

Special shout out to Ivette Granier-Smith ’04 who has rolled off after serving her two term limit on the EC!

And now the News:

- Chris Vasko ’97 has retired and relocated to Beaufort, NC. She can be reached at cvaskotaylor@msn.com.
- Stephanie Ambrose ’99 has moved to Chief Outsiders, LLC and can be reached at stephanie.ambrose224@gmail.com.
- Joe Linza ’01 is happy to report that Lynker was notified that they made the Inc 5000 Fastest Growing Companies for the 6th year in a row! Congrats Joe!
- Kevin Fagan ’03 moved to GDIT last year and can be reached at Kevin.Fagan@gdit.com.
- In case you didn’t know (I didn’t), Steve Kempf ’03 moved back to Wisconsin over 3 years ago. He can be reached at stevekempf@cox.net
- Chris Bishop ’04 has moved to Alion and can be reached at chris_bishop@verizon.net.
- CONGRATS to Lisa Romney ’04 who was promoted to the SES corps! She is now Director, Contracting eBusiness, Defense Pricing & Acquisition Policy at United States Department of Defense! Her email remains the same.
- Ken Newcomer ’05 has joined the consulting world and can be reached at ken@kestiam.com.
- Bud Kinzer ’07 has moved to Zoom and can be reached at bud.kinzer@zoom.us.
- Doug Nash ’07 has retired at the beginning of the year after many years of federal service. He can be reached at drnash_829@hotmail.com.
- Martin Cummings ’08 is now at Chermar llc and can be reached at martin.cummings@chermarllc.com.
- Malcolm Harden ’09 has moved to Microsoft and can be reached at mharden@microsoft.com.
- Mary Souther ’09 is now Vice President Enterprise Sales at Outlogic (acquired by Digital Envoy). Best way to reach her is at marysouther@gmail.com.
- Jody Ganzermillerr ’10 has moved to Ambit and be reached at JGanzermillerr@theambitgroup.com.
- Elizabeth Bolak ’12 is at Spatial Front and can be reached at liz.bolak@spatialfront.com. (Thanks Anita Lynn for helping find her!)
- Cheryl Waldrup ’12 has moved to Aleut Federal as Chief Growth Officer. She can be reached at Cheryl.Waldrup@AleutFederal.com.
- Danita Byrd ’14 retired a while ago but she is still participating in the community – she can be reached at danitabyrd@hotmail.com.
- Rena Fagel ’14 has not left Century Link, they are now Lumen. She can be reached at Rena.Fagel@lumen.com.
MORE News ...

- Congrats to Janet Clement ’14 who has moved to be the CEO of Jefferson Consulting. She can be reached at jclement@jeffersonconsulting.com.
- Christopher Hegedus ’14 has moved to BAH and can be reached at Hegedus_christopher@bah.com.
- Diane Ashley ’15 has moved to Deloitte and can be reached at diashley@deloitte.com.
- Michelle Barr ’16 has moved to Tech Blue and can be reached at michellebarr@techblue.com.
- Congrats to Lea-Ann Bigelow ’17 who was selected into the White House Leadership Development Program (WHLDP), a year-long assignment that offers a cohort of career leaders in the U.S. government the opportunity to work on the federal government’s highest priority and highest impact challenges. The Program is sponsored by the Executive Office of the President (EOP) and supported by the Performance Improvement Council (PIC).
- Congrats to Jylinda Johnson ’17 on her promotion to Sector Vice President & General Manager - Government Operations, Commerce and Global Citizen Service.
- Shout out to Amanda (Nyguen) Eamich ’19 at U Group who was promoted to Chief Growth Officer and can be reached at amanda.eamich@u.group.
- With the acquisition/merger, Pooja Sangwan ’20 email will soon transition from psangwan@attain.com to poojasangwan@maximus.com.
- Michael Spagna ’20 has moved to HighPoint Global and can be reached at michael.spagna@highpointglobal.com.
- Jennifer Kirkhoff V05 has moved to ICF and can be reached at Jennifer.Kirkhoff@icf.com.
- So excited to find and reconnect with Stephanie (Benger) Moon V05 who is at the IRS and can be reached at stephanie.barfield@irs.gov.
- Zhenia Klevitsky V06 has moved to Sev1Tech and can be reached at zhenia.klevitsky@sev1tech.com.
- Congrats to Emma Antunes V07 who has been promoted to Senior Strategic Advisor at NASA.
- David Druzynski V08 has moved to BestPass and can be reached at dadruz@gmail.com.
- Stacy Riggs ’08 has retired from federal service and started her own consulting group. She can be reached at stacy.riggs@disconsulting.com.
- Joanna Avery V11 has moved to AWS and can be reached at joaavery@amazon.com.
- Michael Barrera V13 has moved to Collabralink and can be reached at mbarrera@collabralink.com.
- Congrats to Nicole Willis V13 who has been promoted to CTO at the HHS Office of the Inspector General!
- Steve Irish V14 has moved to Peraton and can be reached at sirish@vt.edu.
- David Larrimore V14 has moved back to DHS and can be reached at david.larrimore@hq.dhs.gov.
- We found Callian Jenkins V15! She is at Artlin and can be reached at cfjenkins@artlinconsulting.com.
- Vajira Ranaviraja V15 has moved to Riva Solutions and can be reached at vranaviraja@riasolutionsinc.com.
- Congrats to Lindsey Averill V16, ECS who I believe is BACK from maternity leave!!
- Tamar Knighton V17 has moved to NIH and can be reached at tamar.knighton@gmail.com.
- Patrick Sisk V17 has moved to the Consumers Financial Protection Board (CFPB) and can be reached at patrick.sisk@cfpb.gov.
- Kimberly Desilva V18 is also on maternity leave! Congrats!
- Congrats to Lyndsey Hoe V18 on the birth of her son - Wyatt James made his way into the world swiftly on Wednesday 4/21/21.
MORE News …

- Emily Mark V18 has been busy during the pandemic “Josh and I moved into a new construction home- it was so much fun to design everything; got married on the rooftop of our new home; and oh by the way had a baby.....”
- Carraig Stanwyck V18 has joined Wave HQ and can be reached at Cstanwyck@waveapps.com.
- Julius Bradshaw V19 has moved to ACF and can be reached at juliusbradshaw1@gmail.com.
- Vinit Kumar V19 has moved to FDIC and can be reached at Vikumar@fdic.gov.
- Ramzi Bannourah V19 on his wedding in Mexico in July!
- Lauren Fishburn V19 has moved to D2IQ as a solutions architect focused on public sector. She’s really loving the new challenges and can be reached at lauren.s.fishburn@gmail.com.
- Alec Longarzo V19 has been busy – First, congrats on the birth of his daughter Emmy on April 27th and he has moved to Dcode and can be reached at alec.longarzo@dcode.co (no “m”)
- Congrats to Tamar Mintz Segel V19 on the birth of Gabriel in July.
- Michael Edelin V20 has moved to Avantus Federal and can be reached at medelin@avantusfederal.com.
- Congrats to Muhammad Khan V20 on the birth of his daughter Lylah a few months ago!!
- William Milline V20 moved to DHS and can be reached at William.Milline@hq.dhs.gov.

IN MEMORIAN – Rob Coen ’12

Written by his classmate Erik TerHaar

It’s with a heavy heart I write to inform you of Rob Coen’s sudden passing on August 26, 2021. Rob was a Fellow and part of the Partners class of 2012. More than that, he was a loving Dad, friend, and change agent for the federal contracting community. Rob served at GSA for the last five years, most recently serving as the Program Director for Professional Services MAS and OASIS. He spent seven years at NITAAC, rising to GWAC Program Director. Prior to that, he served as a Deputy Director at SBA. Dubbed as the “King of GWACs” by his friends, he was committed to simplifying the acquisition process. He had a big personality, quick wit, and sharp sense of humor. Those lucky enough to call him a friend will miss him dearly.

Fellows NEWS - How to Stay Connected in a Virtual World:

- Encourage usage of current social media outlets – We have two CLOSED groups on Facebook and LinkedIn – you have to be a Fellow to be accepted – Many of you have been INVITED, so accept!! If we have missed you and have not invited you to join – request to join! – Also set your settings to get notices!!

ACT-IAC Fellows on Facebook – we have over 600 members – ask to be added -Fellows Facebook
ACT-IAC Fellows on LinkedIn – we have over 560 members - Fellows LinkedIn

WHO IS IN FELLOWS?? – YOU ASKED FOR IT....

HISTORICAL list of Fellows – provides rosters by class of ALL Partners & Voyagers classes AND lists the organizations where they worked at that time. https://www.actiac.org/documents/partners-voyagers-1997-2021-0.

ALSO, there is a searchable database “Fellows Database” where you can search by name, company or agency or class! If folks are missing, it is because we don’t have a current email for them – but we can fix that – just let us know. Also, you need to be logged into the ACT-IAC website to view (and you don’t have to be a member to see it!) https://www.actiac.org/fellows-directory-4
VOYAGERS Graduation!
Calling on all Classes ending in ‘01 or ‘06 – this is your Reunion Year! So, ‘01, ‘06, ‘11, ‘16, V06, V11 and V16.

September 30, 2021
Combined Event – Voyagers 2020 Graduation, Welcome Voyagers 2022 & Reunion
SAVE THE DATE!!