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Water Environment Federation Announces Graduates of 2019 Water Leadership Institute

ALEXANDRIA, Va. – The Water Environment Federation proudly (WEF) announces the graduates of its Water Leadership Institute Class of 2019.

The Water Leadership Institute program is aimed at educating and training emerging leaders and providing them with opportunities to build strong, lasting relationships within the water sector. The intensive program allows participants to engage in management training and leadership development through a blended learning approach that includes examining complex challenges facing the water and wastewater industries and networking with public and private sector practitioners.

“The depth and range of talent in the Water Leadership Institute Class of 2019 is a glimpse into the future of the water sector,” said WEF Executive Director Walt Marlowe. “We look forward to seeing the individuals in this remarkable group continue to advance the profession.”

The Water Leadership Institute Class of 2019, the eighth class of the Institute, comprises 54 water professionals representing 28 states, Canada, El Salvador and the Cayman Islands. The graduates join 237 alumni of the program. They are:

Eddie Abisaab (Newport News, Va.)	Jessica Hou (Virginia Beach, Va.)	Chris Roberts (Tacoma, Wash.)
Mike Anderson (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho)	Mitch Klein (Lincoln, Neb.)	Nathan Roberts (Albuquerque, N.M.)
Noelle Anuskiewicz (Millersville, Md.)	Ryan Lacharity (Wellesley, Ontario)	Nadine Robertson (Harvey, La.)
Yulyan Arias (Miami, Fla.)	Yeshar Larsen (North Haven, Conn.)	Katherine Schaad (Dublin, Ohio)
Morgan Brown (Alexandria, Va.)	Megan Livak (Alexandria, Va.)	Amanda Scott (Boulder, Colo.)
Eric Bunke (Milwaukee, Wis.)	Jennifer Loudon (Flemington, N.J.)	Daniel Scott (Boone, Iowa)
Adriana Caldarelli (Alexandria, Va.)	Paige Lux (North Charleston, S.C.)	Laura Shields (Norfolk, Va.)
Sajana Chitrakar (Fairfax, Va.)	Matthew Magruder (Oconomowoc, Wis.)	Pooja Sinha (Pasadena, Calif.)
Melissa Darr, (Tempe, Ariz.)	Rishab Mahajan (Oak Brook, Ill.)	Kristi Steiner (Portland, Ore.)
Shea Dunifon (St. Petersburg, Fla.)	John McGettigan (Alexandria, Va.)	Ellen Stitt* (Woodville, Ontario)
Amy Eberhardt (Columbus, Ohio)	Joe Navas (Henderson, Nev.)	Lindsay Swain (Roanoke, Va.)

Ahmed Elsheshtawy (George Town, Cayman Islands)	Abbye Neal (Fort Collins, Colo.)	Sarah VanFrank-Affrunti (Hamilton, Ohio)
Roberto Escalante (San Salvador)	Dan O'Sullivan (Buffalo, N.Y.)	Robert Warden (Farmington, Ark.)
André Garcés (Dallas, Texas)	Padma Paan (Clayton, Mo.)	Christopher Waul (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Marilyn Hall (Athens, Ga.)	Teresa Penunuri (San Diego, Calif.)	Bruce Weckworth (Chesapeake, Va.)
Aleah Henry (Hamilton, Ontario)	Paige Peters (Milwaukee, Wis.)	Ariana Wilfley (Torrance, Calif.)
Steve Hill (Fredericksburg, Va.)	David Quinby (Surprise, Ariz.)	Craig Williams (Angola, Ind.)
Connie Ho (Chino Hills, Calif.)	Aaron Rivard (Montrose, Mich.)	Matthew Wooten (Fort Wright, Ky.)
		*denotes George S. Hawkins Scholarship recipient

The Water Leadership Institute Class of 2019 was recognized at a Sept. 22 ceremony during WEFTEC 2019, the Water Environment Federation's 92nd Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference, which was held September 21-25 in Chicago. The application period for the 2020 Water Leadership Institute opens in November. For more information about the Water Leadership Institute, click [here](#).

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About WEF

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 35,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit www.wef.org.