

N.E.W. Leadership ~ Oklahoma 2002 Participants Comments

From Kathy Kleeman, Center for American Women and Politics/Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers

“On a scale of 1 to 10, this program was at least an 11. ...CAWP should be very pleased to have such a great partner.”

From N.E.W. Leadership participant evaluation forms:

“A political career went from being an intimidating fantasy to a very realistic possibility.”

“My appreciation for the women who fought for what women have today has increased immensely.”

“I liked how the panel discussions brought a wide range of opinions and viewpoints to light.”

“I thank all of those who helped sponsor this training; if it had cost, I would have been unable to participate.”

“This program really made me want to get involved and change things for the future of Oklahoma.”

“This extraordinary cross section of women really changed my ideas on community and politics.”

“This program truly benefits women. There is nothing around that can compare.”

“I had never considered staying in Oklahoma after graduation; now it is a very serious option.”

“Successes of women who have gone before opened my eyes and made a political career a possibility.”

“I learned about so many different opportunities for women in a variety of venues and that there are many women willing to help us succeed.”

“The personality and leadership styles workshop helped me understand how to better work with others.”

“I loved learning about the accomplishments of women who worked to assure our rights and privileges.”

“N.E.W. Leadership opened my eyes to all of the career opportunities available in public service.”

“I got a lot of information on internships and volunteer work that will benefit me greatly.”

“I hadn’t considered the option of state or local government; now these occupations are more appealing.”

“N.E.W. Leadership is truly going to prepare and then place women in public offices.”

“I learned there are many interesting non-elective career opportunities in government.”

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“Meeting women in politics and seeing their passion made me less cynical of government in general.”

“I really liked the public policy simulation exercise; I wanted to run for public office right then!”

“Diversity of the participants and faculty-in-residence helped open all our eyes; we all grew so much!”

“I was very hesitant to actually run for an elected position, but now I know I definitely want to do it.”

“One of my favorite aspects was that all the faculty-in-residence participated in the workshops with us.”

“I learned that you don’t have to know everything about politics before you get involved.”

“Every part of the conference was useful; I made real friends – not just contacts – at N.E.W. Leadership.”

“The diversity workshop was an enlightening experience; everyone learned to value others much more.”

“I learned how important it is that young people – especially women – get involved in politics.”

“The workshops on creative thinking, breaking down mental barriers and conflict resolution were super.”

“N.E.W. Leadership was awesomely inspiring. I never felt so confident that I could do it all!”

“Best conference I ever attended. I left excited, motivated, and ready to change the world!”

For more information about the N.E.W. Leadership program, please contact the Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma, 630 Parrington Oval, Norman, OK 73019 (telephone 405-325-6372; email jeanwarner@ou.edu) or see our website (<http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/NLO/>).