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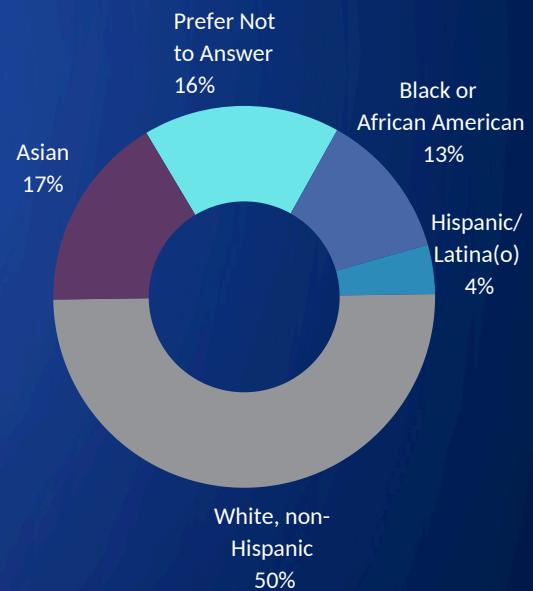
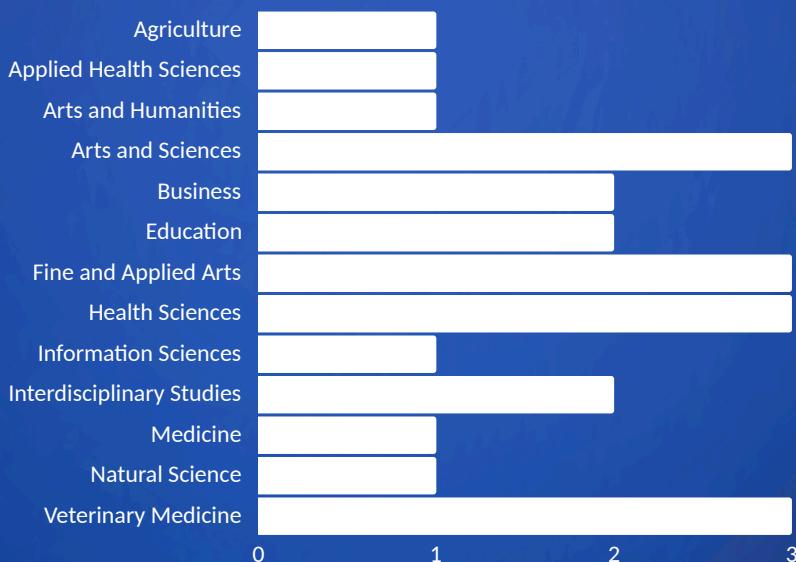
Participant Directory

2025-2026

DLP BY THE NUMBERS

24 Deans
2025 - 2026 Cohort

College Representation



Emily Knox

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Emily is interim dean and professor in the School of Information Sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include information access and intellectual freedom and censorship. She is a member of the Mapping Information Access research team. Her most recent book *Foundations of Intellectual Freedom* (ALA Neal-Schuman) won the 2023 Eli M. Oboler Prize for best published work in the area of intellectual freedom. Her previous book, *Book Banning in 21st Century America* (Rowman & Littlefield) is the first monograph in the Beta Phi Mu Scholars' Series. She has been interviewed by media outlets such as NPR and the New York Times and also testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on book banning.

Robert Berry

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Robert Q. Berry III is the Dean of the School of Education and Professor of Mathematics Education at Indiana University. A member of the National Academy of Education, Berry is a past president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM). His research examines key issues in mathematics teaching and learning, with a particular focus on four related areas: understanding the mathematics experiences of Black children, measuring standards-based instructional practices, clarifying what constitutes effective and inclusive mathematics teaching, and exploring the intersection of technology and mathematics education. He is also the lead developer of the Mathematics Scan (M-Scan), a classroom observation tool used to assess the quality of mathematics instruction.

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Patrick E. Hopkins is Dean at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business where he is also the James R. Hodge Chair of Excellence. He received his B.S. and M.Acc. from the University of Florida and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Dean Hopkins has been at IU since 1995, where he has taught in the undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs. His research has appeared in top accounting journals, including The Accounting Review, the Journal of Accounting Research, Contemporary Accounting Research, and Accounting Organizations and Society.

Dr. Jill Kolesar serves as Dean, Professor and the Jean M. Schmidt Chair in Drug Discovery at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, where she also completed a residency and fellowship in oncology. Previously, she was Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Kentucky and the Dr. Michael E. Karpf Endowed Chair in Precision Medicine at Markey Cancer Center. She also held an administrative position at the Markey Cancer Center as the co-leader of the Translational Oncology (TO) Research Program. Her research focuses on precision medicine and oncology drug development. She has authored more than 450 abstracts, research articles, and book chapters.

Wendy Powers

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Dean and Director

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Dr. Wendy Powers became dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR) at the University of Maryland in July of 2025. In this role, she oversees the College of AGNR's diverse on-campus departments and programs, serves as director of the college's statewide non-formal educational outreach system, University of Maryland Extension, and as director of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, which operates four research and education centers located throughout the state. Prior to joining AGNR, Dr. Powers was the inaugural Cashup Davis Family Endowed Dean of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University.

Rosie Ceballo

University of Michigan



Dean

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Rosario (Rosie) Ceballo is dean of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (LSA) and a professor in the Department of Psychology and the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Michigan. Dean Ceballo earned her B.A. in psychology from Yale University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical and developmental psychology from the University of Michigan. As a faculty member at the University of Michigan for 26 years, Dean Ceballo previously held several administrative roles, including chair of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies and associate dean for the social sciences in LSA. Before returning to the University of Michigan as dean of LSA, she served as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Georgetown University.

Kim Dodd

Michigan State University



Dean

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Dr. Kim Dodd is Dean of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Her leadership is grounded in the belief that veterinary medicine has the power to improve lives, protect communities, and strengthen the connections between human, animal, and environmental health. A proud advocate of the land-grant mission, she is dedicated to supporting the next generation of veterinarians, veterinary nurses, and scientists and to positioning veterinary medicine as a leader in advancing One Health in Michigan and beyond. An internationally recognized expert in laboratory diagnostics and outbreak response for emerging infectious diseases, Kim previously directed the USDA's Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL) on Plum Island, New York.

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Eric is a Professor in the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Dean of the College of Natural Science at MSU. His previous role was as the Associate Dean for Budget, Planning, Research, and Administration. Prior to accepting the role of Associate Dean, Eric served for seven years as the Director of Business Operations for the MSU component of the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center.

Thomas Stubblefield

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Dean

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Thomas Stubblefield began as Dean of the College of Arts & Letters at Michigan State University in July of 2025. Prior to this, he was the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Interim Director of the Harrington School of Communication and Media at the University of Rhode Island. In these roles, he oversaw a diverse portfolio of programs spanning the arts, humanities, and communication and media studies. Working collaboratively with faculty, students, alumni, and community partners, he led strategic planning initiatives, spearheaded interdisciplinary curriculum development, facilitated faculty research, developed alumni and advisory councils, and built partnerships that enhanced student success and institutional impact.

GerShun Avilez

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GerShun Avilez is Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota, professor of English, and the Russell M. and Elizabeth M. Bennett Chair in the Liberal Arts. Dean Avilez earned his PhD in English from the University of Pennsylvania. He is an award-winning teacher and writer, known for his work on literature, art, and identity. He has written two books—*Radical Aesthetics* and *Modern Black Nationalism* and *Black Queer Freedom*—and is also a co-editor of *The Norton Anthology of American Literature: 1945-Present*, a collection of influential writings studied in classrooms across the country. His new book about the relationship between art and healthcare is forthcoming. Dean Avilez is currently leading the college through Compass 2030, his strategic plan and vision for the next five years.

Radhika Seshan

University of Minnesota



Dean

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Radhika Seshan became the Dean of the College of Continuing and Professional Studies (CCAPS) in July of 2024. Prior to that, she was dean of the College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University and dean of San Diego State University Global Campus. She has an extensive record of success in developing and sustaining professional and community education programs. She led transformative initiatives to elevate student success, build international partnerships, and enhance the brand and reach of programs that serve professional, global, and lifelong learners. Before her work in higher education, she held leadership roles in the technology industry. She is committed to building collaborations across the University and relationships with external stakeholders.

Jennifer Schlueter

Ohio State University

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Jennifer Schlueter, PhD, is the new Dean and Director at Ohio State Marion. An accomplished academic administrator, teacher, director, and producer, she has worked across the country and internationally. Most recently, she served as vice provost of academic affairs at The New School in New York City, where she was also an associate professor of practice in the School of Drama. Before joining The New School, Dr. Schlueter held major leadership roles at Columbus College of Art & Design (CCAD). As the inaugural dean of graduate studies and later associate provost and dean of academics, she led the development and transformation of undergraduate and graduate programs, youth and adult enrichment offerings, and career development initiatives.

Meggie Young

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Dean and Director

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Dr. Margaret "Meggie" Young is Dean and Director of The Ohio State University at Lima and a professor in the Department of Music. She previously served as Interim Dean and Director, Assistant Dean, Honors Director, and Faculty Fellow in the Office of Academic Enrichment, where she supported the implementation of high-impact practices across Ohio State's regional campuses. Dr. Young's work focuses on advancing student success, fostering community, and supporting faculty and campus development. She has served on numerous university and professional committees focused on assessment, curricular innovation, and pedagogical development, and has led initiatives to strengthen student engagement and retention.

Adrian Zaretsky

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Adrian Elisheva Parr Zaretsky, PhD, is an internationally recognized environmental, political, and cultural thinker and advocate, author, and filmmaker. She is the dean of the College of Design at the University of Oregon and Senior Fellow at the Design Futures Council. Prior to joining the UO, she served as the dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington, and as the director of the Taft Research Center at the University of Cincinnati. Adrian is a transdisciplinary scholar working at the intersection of architecture criticism, aesthetics, political theory, and environmental studies. She's authored nine books, the latest three of which focused on environmental politics and sustainability culture.

Karen Kim

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Dean and J. Lloyd Chair

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Karen Kim, MD, MS, was named dean at Penn State College of Medicine in 2023. As the Dorothy Foehr Huck and J. Lloyd Huck Chair in Rural Health Research, Kim leads the College of Medicine's education, research and clinical missions, culture of innovation, and will focus on enhancing team-based interdisciplinary collaboration across the College of Medicine, Penn State Health, the University at large and across commonwealth campuses. As Physician in Chief, Kim plays a critical role in shaping the academic health system. In addition to dean, Kim is a nationally recognized leader in health disparities research, curricular innovation and public policy.

Corey Phelps

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John and Karen Arnold Dean

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Corey Phelps is the John & Karen Arnold Dean and Professor of Strategic Management at the Penn State Smeal College of Business, one of the nation's largest and most respected public business schools. Smeal serves more than 8,000 students and offers top-ranked undergraduate, graduate, executive, and doctoral programs, supported by a global alumni network of over 96,000. Previously, Dr. Phelps was Dean and Fred E. Brown Chair of Business at the University of Oklahoma's Price College of Business, where he led rapid growth, launched numerous new academic programs, established the Price Executive Academy, and helped secure more than \$107 million in philanthropic support.

Aaron Bowman

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Dean

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Aaron Bowman began his professional career in 2006 as an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the departments of Neurology and Pediatrics, where he earned academic tenure and held a variety of positions, including director of Vanderbilt University's T32 Training Program in Environmental Toxicology. In 2018, Bowman joined Purdue University's College of Health and Human Sciences (HHS) as a professor and head of the School of Health Sciences. Under his leadership, the school has experienced significant enrollment growth and has doubled the number of students in its honors program. He holds a bachelor's degree in microbiology from Brigham Young University and a PhD in biomedical sciences from the University of California, San Diego.

Bret Marsh

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Dean Bret Marsh serves as the Dean of the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine and Chief Executive Officer of the Purdue University Veterinary Hospital. A proud Purdue alumnus, Dr. Marsh earned his bachelor's degree in animal sciences and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue. His career has been defined by a commitment to public service and One Health principles, connecting animal, human, and environmental health. Prior to returning to Purdue, Dr. Marsh served as Indiana's State Veterinarian, where he led initiatives in biosecurity, animal disease traceability, and disaster preparedness, gaining national recognition for his expertise.

Michael Beckerman

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Michael Beckerman is Dean of The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music and a leading music historian whose work bridges scholarship and public life. Known for groundbreaking studies of Central European composers, he writes on topics ranging from Brahms, Beethoven and Mozart to exiled and Roma-associated music, film scores, aesthetics, and musical life in World War II concentration camps. He has published eight books and more than 150 articles. His current book, *The Doctrine of One*, explores how responses to sound can be deeply personal and even unique to each listener. Beckerman is especially recognized for work on Czech composers Antonín Dvorák, Leoš Janácek and Bohuslav Martinu.

Celine Parreñas Shimizu DLP PARTICIPANTS 2025-2026

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Dean Celine Parreñas Shimizu is the newly appointed Dean of UCLA's School of Theater, Film, and Television, where she concurrently holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Film, Television & Digital Media. She has authored or edited five books, one of which – *The Hypersexuality of Race* – was awarded the Best Book in Cultural Studies by the Association for Asian American Studies. Her films are *80 Years Later: On Japanese American Racial Inheritance* (2022) and *The Celine Archive* (2020) which each won several festival awards and are distributed by Women Make Movies.

Jay Panyam

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Dr. Jay Panyam was named dean of the UW School of Pharmacy in August 2023, following a 4-year stint serving as Temple University's School of Pharmacy dean. Prior to his role at Temple, Panyam was an endowed professor and head of the Department of Pharmaceutics at the University of Minnesota's College of Pharmacy. At Temple, Panyam focused on pharmacy education and research. He has extensive experience training pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists, supporting faculty in their advancement, and with student recruitment and admissions. A native of Chennai, India, Panyam came to the United States in 1999 as a graduate student. He earned his PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2003.

Hilaire Thompson

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Robert G. and Jean A. Executive Dean

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Dr. Thompson is Professor and the Robert G. and Jean A. Reid Executive Dean at the University of Washington School of Nursing. She received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 2003, and then transitioned to the University of Washington to complete post-doctoral training, later transitioning to a professorial appointment in 2006. She has served in several leadership roles at the University of Washington including as Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel. Her program of research has focused on both preventing and improving outcomes from traumatic injury, with a particular emphasis on older adults.

Marcelle Haddix

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Marcelle Haddix is the dean of UW-Madison's No. 1 ranked School of Education. During her tenure as dean, Haddix has championed a "One School" vision that unites the School's 10 departments across the arts, education, and health with a shared commitment to collaboration, growth, and community engagement. Haddix is a leading scholar in literacy and teacher education, with a particular focus on the experiences of students and teachers of color. Her award-winning book is titled, "Cultivating Racial and Linguistic Diversity in Literacy Teacher Education: Teachers Like Me." Prior to arriving at UW-Madison, Dean Haddix spent 16 years in numerous leadership positions at Syracuse University, including most recently as associate provost for strategic initiatives.

Jon Levine

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Dean

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Dr. Jon Levine obtained his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degrees at Cornell University in Ithaca NY. He went on to complete a residency in Neurology/Neurosurgery at University of Missouri and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Neurology). During his time as a faculty member at Texas A&M University, Dr. Levine collaboratively built the College's Neurology Service and developed a translational research program focused on naturally occurring neurological disease. Dr. Levine has published over 120 papers; received funding from agencies including NIH, DoD, and NSF; and has been featured in the NY Times, CBS News, ABC News, and other media outlets.

Carrie Docherty

Indiana University



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Carrie Docherty is the Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs at Indiana University. She earned her B.S. from IU and her M.Ed. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. She has been a member of the Bloomington School of Public Health Department of Kinesiology since 2003, serving as an administrator, educator, and scholar. She is an internationally recognized scholar in her field and has more than 25 years of clinical experience.

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Adam Goodman directs Northwestern University's Center for Leadership and is a Clinical Professor in the McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science. He works with senior leaders globally in industry as well as with faculty and students on leadership, mentoring and teamwork, focusing on learning in real world contexts.

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Todd Murphy is the Associate Director of Northwestern University's Center for Leadership and a Clinical Associate Professor in the McCormick School of Engineering & Applied Science. Dr. Murphy focuses on equipping leaders to mobilize individual differences in order to maximize team performance. His courses include Paradigms and Strategies of Leadership, Field Study in Leadership, Team Leadership and Decision Making, as well as Leader as Coach (Kellogg School of Management). His projects include leading the Undergraduate Leadership Program and establishing a global strategy for the Center.

Helen Malone

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Helen Malone was named Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at The Ohio State University in June 2019. Her portfolio includes overseeing faculty human resources including compensation, hiring, promotion and tenure, and academic leadership development. Dr. Malone began as an assistant professor at Ohio State in 2005. She received her PhD from UT Austin, her MA from NYU, and her BS from the UC Davis. Dr. Malone's research focuses on teaching individuals with severe and profound disabilities new skills using mobile technologies.

Kathy Bieschke

Penn State University



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Kathy Bieschke was appointed Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University in August of 2017. She earned a B.S. in Psychology and a M.S. in Clinical Psychology from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology in 1991 from Michigan State University. Kathy joined the faculty at Penn State University in 1991 and is a Professor of Education. Her previous administrative roles include Head of Educational Psychology, Counseling, and Special Education from 2013-2016, and Interim Dean of the Schreyer Honors College in 2016-2017.

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Sunil Prabhakar

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Prabhakar is the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at Purdue University. His research lies in the area of data management, with a focus on developing novel database systems for managing probabilistic or uncertain data, and ensuring authenticity and integrity of outsourced databases. He joined Purdue in 1998 and served as head of Computer Science starting in 2010, and briefly as the inaugural director of the Integrative Data Science Initiative in 2019.

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Kent Weigel

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Kent Weigel, Ph.D., is the Vice Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A Wisconsin native, Kent joined the faculty of the Department of Dairy Science in 2001. He served as Department Chair for nearly a decade before shepherding a merger with the Department of Animal Sciences, and he led the combined Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences for four years prior to his current appointment in the Office of the Provost. Kent's scientific expertise is in quantitative genetics and genomics of farm animals. He earned B.S. degrees in Animal Science and Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, M.S. degrees in Animal Science and Biometry from Iowa State University and UW-Madison, respectively, and a Ph.D. degree in Dairy Science from UW-Madison.

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Sumit is the Hugh Knowles Professor of Hearing Science at Northwestern University. His laboratory works on hearing, hearing loss, and hearing healthcare delivery. Since February 2021, Sumit has served as the Associate Provost for Faculty for Northwestern University. He has previously been chair of his department and an associate dean for research in the School of Communication at Northwestern University.

Charity Farber

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BIG TEN ACADEMIC ALLIANCE STAFF

Charity Farber has been with the Big Ten Academic Alliance since 2008. With each role she has held, she has continued to build on her commitment to strengthening academic collaboration and advancing leadership development. She now leads the newly established Leadership Institute team, dedicated to advancing faculty leadership across the consortium. Charity is responsible for the strategic design, delivery, and facilitation of programs that prepare faculty for leadership roles and foster collaboration among the member institutions. In addition to leading the Leadership Institute, Charity also facilitates the collaboration of one of the Big Ten Academic Alliance's core groups, the Vice Provosts for Faculty Affairs.

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Laney Staehlin joined the Big Ten Academic Alliance in 2025 as the Program Manager for the Leadership Institute. She leads the Department Executive Officers (DEO) program, overseeing its planning and execution to support leadership development across the consortium. Laney also serves as the primary liaison for program participants and hosts universities, ensuring clear communication and seamless experience across all Leadership Institute initiatives. She manages a broad range of logistics to ensure the smooth and effective delivery of programs and events. In addition, Laney contributes to the strategic planning and ongoing refinement of program content in collaboration with the Director and campus partners.