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A New Generation of Leaders in Michigan:
Diverse young leaders and college students get paid entry-level positions with
progressive organizations in Michigan

Royal Oak, Michigan – February 5th, 2008 – The Center for Progressive Leadership’s (CPL) 2008 New Leaders Program is connecting diverse young leaders from all over Michigan with full-time, paid positions at leading political organizations. Along with the paid position, the CPL Michigan New Leaders will join other emerging progressive leaders from across the country for a week-long conference in Washington, D.C. where they’ll work with some of the top political leaders and experts in the country to become more effective leaders.

“The New Leaders Program is bringing new faces and new communities into the political process in Michigan”, says CPL Michigan State Director Dave Woodward. “The combination of the job placement and the leadership training is going to give young leaders who would never have had the opportunity to get involved in the progressive movement.

Progressive political organizations are partnering with the Michigan Center for Progressive Leadership to help keep more young people in the state after they graduate from college and give more diverse individuals a chance to start careers in politics.

There are two tracks for the New Leaders Program:

New Leaders Michigan Fellowship - *For recent graduates and young people seeking full time work*
New Leaders’ Fellows will be matched to an entry level position with a progressive organization in Michigan. The 2008 New Leaders Fellowship is from June to November 2008, and participants will be provided with skills training, mentorship and networking opportunities over the course of the 6-month Fellowship.

New Leaders Internship in Washington DC - *For current college students and other young leaders*
CPL’s New Leaders Internship Program is a 10-week paid internship in Washington, DC available for students and young leaders in Michigan. The internship will take place from June 6 – August 15, 2008.

The Center for Progressive Leadership works to change the face of tomorrow’s political leadership by connecting young people of color, LGBT youth, and women to paid opportunities with progressive organizations. CPL is a national political training institute that develops diverse leaders who can effectively advance progressive political and policy change.

Interested applicants should apply online at:
<http://www.progressleaders.org/states/michigan/minewleaders.htm>

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