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What was the most valuable thing you learned from WeLead?

I loved learning from my fellow WeLeaders and the speakers throughout the series about the incredible number of paths that could be pursued in government, politics and civic engagement. Because everyone in the program was doing interesting things and had aspirational goals, I learned so much from simply interacting with WeLead colleagues, sharing stories and exploring new possibilities. At an early stage of my career, this was invaluable.

What was your favorite part of the program?

I distinctly remember a panelist that attended one of our sessions. She was incredibly accomplished and spoke specifically about how a 5-year plan, which reflected both her personal and professional goals, was something that helped her keep her eye on the ball. She also talked about the merits of allowing herself to veer off her plan, but that having a vision ensured those decisions were deliberate. This advice still resonates with me and helps me stay focused on my aspirations while making informed choices about when to veer off course.

What advice would you give to the current WeLead class?

Stay in touch with your fellow WeLead class members and reach out to the WeLead community for support and advice. It's an incredible group of women that are interested in helping other women succeed.

Any other thoughts on your WeLead experience?

I have really enjoyed watching the program grow and excel over the years as an alum. It seems that the sessions continue to improve year-on-year and the experience that WeLeaders have is second to none. I'm really proud to be part of this community!

Ms. Roberts most recently participated in the November 2018 WeLead session on grassroots mobilization, mentoring and lobbying.