



May 2024

# NEWSLETTER



WE'RE PROUD TO SEE

## GLLA ALUM MAKING WAVES

WE NEED YOU!

*Join alum across 23 cohorts and share your story of the impact the Great Lakes Leadership Academy has had on you and those around you.*



RECORD YOUR 30-  
SECOND STORY



On demand at [bit.ly/gllaalum](https://bit.ly/gllaalum)

This Spring, we are pleased to announce the 2024 GLLA Alumni "Making Waves" outreach campaign. The campaign will feature alumni testimonials highlighting how GLLA enabled them to lead for

the common good. Be on the lookout in upcoming newsletters and social media for alumni spotlights!

To get things started, **we want to hear from you!** Think of your time in GLLA and how it has helped you grow as a person and a leader. We want to hear positive stories about the impact of GLLA from our alumni. Simply [click here to record a short 10-60 second video telling your story about GLLA](#). It's a small commitment that will have a huge splash on our network and beyond.

## GLLA Alumni Corner



The graphic features a circular portrait of Dr. Edwin Martínez Martínez in a suit and tie, set against a background of the American flag. To the left, the Great Lakes Leadership Academy logo is displayed with a lighthouse icon. The text 'Alumni Spotlight' is written in a cursive font across the top right of the portrait. Below the portrait, the text 'LAP 2016-17' is written in a stylized font. The name 'DR. EDWIN MARTÍNEZ MARTÍNEZ' is prominently displayed in large, bold, blue and black letters. To the right of the name, the text 'State Conservationist Natural Resources Conservation Service' is written in blue. A quote is at the bottom of the graphic.

**DR. EDWIN  
MARTÍNEZ  
MARTÍNEZ** State Conservationist  
Natural Resources  
Conservation Service

"The impact of attending GLLA is beyond measure. The potential to learn, grow and better yourself is boundless. You will find yourself challenged in meaningful ways that will result in better leadership, time management and self-awareness."

Each month we will highlight a GLLA alum with their accomplishments and share how the program impacted them. This month, GLLA is featuring Dr. Edwin Martínez Martínez. To learn more about Edwin, his career, and time in GLLA visit our website at [www.canr.msu.edu/glla/glla\\_alumni/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/glla/glla_alumni/)

Check out the Alumni Corner next month for another spotlight!

2024

Gather + Graze

# ALUMNI DINNERS



**HART, MI**  
Monday June 24  
6-8pm



**DETROIT, MI**  
Monday Aug 5  
6-8pm



**SAULT STE. MARIE, MI**  
Monday, Sept 9  
6-8pm

Save your seat today at  
[events.anr.msu.edu/GLLAGatherandgraze24/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/GLLAGatherandgraze24/)

GREAT LAKES  
LEADERSHIP  
ACADEMY



Save the date and plan to join fellow GLLA Alumni at one of our special farm-side networking dinners this summer. Cultivate new connections with current LAP program participants and reminisce with old friends from GLLA. Reserve your seat for an unforgettable evening of networking, laughter, and nostalgia. \$20 per person. Registration opens May 13th at [events.anr.msu.edu/gllagatherandgraze24](https://events.anr.msu.edu/gllagatherandgraze24)

Here is a [special GLLA Alumni Badge icon](#) created for you, our GLLA Alumni! Feel free to add this image your email signature or social media accounts to be recognized.



Thank you for your support!

# Professional Development

## Leadership Intensive

We are offering our 1-day leadership intensive for local government staff and elected or appointed officials. Through this highly interactive workshop, participants work their way through their leadership challenge in a way that is aligned with personal and shared values using a group-coaching model of applied learning.

May 16, 2024

[Learn more and register here](#)

*One-day*  
**LEADERSHIP INTENSIVE**

**GREAT LAKES LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

Transcend stagnation. Reignite your drive.  
Lead from any chair.

Join us May 16th for a breakthrough leadership experience with trained professional coaches.

10 AM- 4 PM MML Capitol Office  
Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/leadlocal/>

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## Advanced Facilitative Leadership

This is an experiential workshop focused on deepening and enhancing facilitation skills targeted especially at those who facilitate groups around value-laden, “high-heat” community issues.

June 25-27, 2024

[Learn more and register here](#)

25-27 JUNE 2024

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**ADVANCED FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP: NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH CONFLICT**

a three-day experiential workshop focused on deepening and enhancing facilitation skills targeted especially to those who facilitate groups around value-laden, “high-heat” community issues.

**Michigan Farm Bureau Headquarters  
Lansing, MI**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!  
[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADVFACELEADER24/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/advfacleader24/)

To learn about registration discounts for GLLA Alumni, please email [glla@msu.edu](mailto:glla@msu.edu)

## Want to see what the current LAP participants are up to?



[Click here](#) to watch a short video of LAP Session 1, February 12-14th in Mt. Pleasant, MI



[Click here](#) to watch a short video of LAP Session 2, March 4-6th also in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

## Openings and Opportunities

We're saving space for you! This space can be used to amplify jobs and opportunities that are relevant to our GLLA alumni network. Email [glla@msu.edu](mailto:glla@msu.edu) and share your upcoming job postings and opportunities.

LAP Alum member Renee V. Wallace (FoodPLUS Detroit) invites you to join in the celebration of "International Compost Awareness Week" May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>. [Click here for more information.](#)

# You're Invited

## International Compost Awareness Week

### May 5 - 11, 2024

#### Pre-Recorded Events



Watch Here: [FaceBook](#) | [YouTUBE](#)

May 5, 2024

Peoples Compost Initiative - Growing The Movement  
Renee V. Wallace - FoodPLUS Detroit

May 6, 2024

A Compost Journey on Georgia Street  
Mark Covington - Georgia St. Community Collective

May 7, 2024

Building Soil to Combat Climate Change & Improve Quality of Life  
ReMark Composting Solutions

May 8, 2024

Farmers Markets Compost Drop-offs  
Eastern Market Detroit Community Markets

May 9, 2024

Composting Is Love  
Renee V. Wallace - FoodPLUS Detroit

#### Live Events



Location: 8902 Vinton Ave @ Georgia St., Detroit, Mi 48213

May 10, 2024

Compost Conversations Mixer  
People, Practice, and Policy in Detroit

5 pm - 7 pm

[Register Here](#)

May 11, 2024

Kylie's Compost Party  
Fun Activities and Education for All Ages

11 am - 2 pm

[Register Here](#)

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FoodPLUS Detroit



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