



## ClassACT Bulletin

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### **ClassACT is excited to announce the HKS ClassACT HR1973 Graduate Leadership Program Fellowship in Honor of Benazir Bhutto**

A fellowship at the Kennedy School, through the prestigious Mason Fellows program, it is designed to support mid-career leaders from predominantly Muslim countries, particularly women, who promote democracy, equal rights for women, education for all, and religious reconciliation- all values Benazir held dear. Take a look at [the details](#) on the HKS financial aid site and search *Bhutto* for the description.

Though we have been working toward getting this off the ground for some time, it is now official, and lots of people contributed to the effort. Our classmate, nonprofit attorney **Barbara Brosius Lindsay** guided us through the summer-long negotiation of terms with Harvard. **Sallie Gouverneur**, **George Putnam** and **Jonathan Sprague** of the ClassACT Board contributed time and energy, and many others - **Holly Weeks**, **Peter Galbraith**, **Kimball Chen**, **Therese Steiner**, **Rob Adams**, and **Carl Muller**, among others - shared their time and expertise generously. The effort has been spearheaded throughout by Benazir Bhutto Leadership Program (BBLP) Director **Marion Dry**.

Our classmate, **Kathleen Kennedy Townsend** writes: "Benazir arrived in our class with verve, energy, curiosity and enormous determination. She inspired us with her courage in the face of tragedy, integrity where corruption was rampant, and focus when so many forces could lead to dissipation."

Jamshed Kazi, Country Representative of UN Women for Pakistan and himself a Fellow of the Mason Program at HKS, observed: "Benazir Bhutto has been an iconic and inspirational figure for many women (as well as plenty of men like myself). As the first female Prime Minister among predominantly Islamic nations she worked against considerable odds to promote democratic principles and boost gender equality initiatives in a deeply patriarchal setting. The launch of the Fellowship is a fitting tribute to her legacy and will provide training for new generation of leaders in public service from Pakistan and other countries across the Middle East and Southeast Asia."

***Would you like to help? Please spread the word!***

We have already shared this information with the BBLP Associates (Harvard scholars, mostly mid-career, who've been working with us), Jamshed Kazi, and leaders from the region, who are sharing the news in their home countries and with the appropriate UNWomen counterparts.

- If you have contacts with whom you can share

the news, please do.

- To give us your thoughts about how we can publicize the Fellowship, please contact [Marion](#) right away: the application deadline for 2018 matriculation is early December 2017.
- If you would like to help fund this fellowship, you can send a check to George Putnam, Treasurer of ClassACT, at this [mailing address](#). You can also [email George here](#).

For more information about BBLP and ClassACT, *watch this space* for the launch of the New ClassACT website, coming VERY SOON!



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