

## **Congratulations 2014 Regional Leadership Forum Graduates**

Over 200 from SIM's 2014 [Regional Leadership Forum \(RLF\)](#) class participated in the 22nd Annual RLF Graduation Ceremony at SIMposium 2014. For many of these individuals (a few forums still have to meet for one last session), this ends a 10-month journey that began earlier in the year with the daunting task of balancing work, the RLF book list, the RLF sessions and assignments, work and family. The RLF program has helped them with this balance. The program does not teach one how to be a leader; rather, it helps each individual identify their own, unique leadership style that can be applied at work and at home. This was evident by the speeches and videos that were presented by the graduating class.

Each forum had an assigned presentation (a speech or, for the first time at graduation, a video) on a key RLF theme (see link below). All the speeches were inspiring and well-presented and the creative videos included:

- Giving Back - Gateway
- Continuous Learning – Midwest
- Building Your Network – Southeast
- Manager or Leader – New York Metro
- Personal Relationships – Southwest
- So, What now? – Northeast- Spring

As is the RLF custom, all forums participated in a SIM-sponsored fundraising project leading up to and at SIMposium. This year, the forums combined efforts to raise about \$34,000 for the Wounded Warriors Project, nearly double the amount raised last year. Well done, grads!

In all, 250 individuals graduated from the 2014 RLF program. Many books were read. Many discussions were held. Many friendships were formed. Many lives were changed. A constant quote we hear about the RLF program is "RLF is life changing..." If you haven't been through the program, we hope to have the same impact on you. [Registration is open for the 2015 program](#). **Register before the Early Bird Discount deadline of December 1st for the MidAtlantic, Midwest, New York Metro, Northeast and Southwest forum expires.**

**A special thanks to all the sponsors, colleagues and families of our Graduates.** Without your support their participation in the program would not have been possible.