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LEADERSHIP FELLOWS





Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows

The Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows program partners with senior-level political leaders who have the knowledge, skill, and will to be effective, reform-minded education policymakers at the state level. Named for renowned education governors Jim Hunt (D-NC | 1977-1985; 1993-2001) and Tom Kean (R-NJ | 1982-1990), the national, nonpartisan Fellowship launched in the fall of 2014. Since its development, the program now boasts a network of over 100 Fellows representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, with each year adding an incoming cohort of 20-25 Fellows.

The Hunt Institute offers ongoing support to Fellows through The Institute's research, tools, mentors, and access to The Institute's wide network of policymakers and experts.



Vision

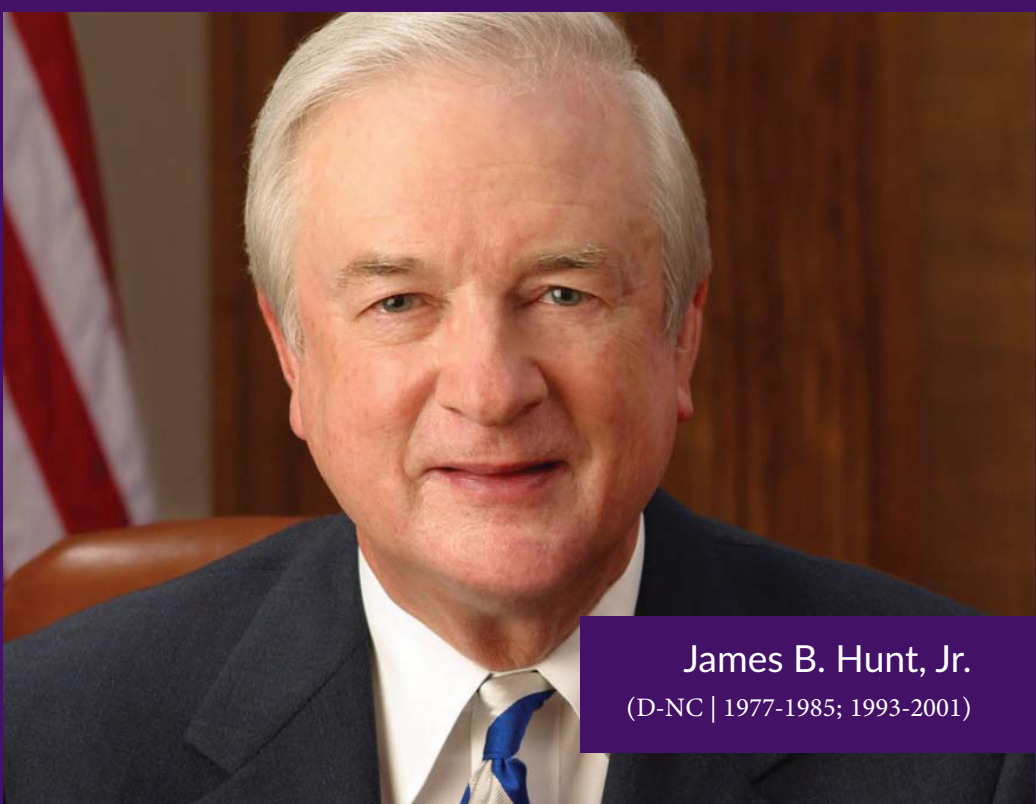
Education is the most important investment we can make to strengthen our nation's economy and society. Senior, state-level policymakers have enormous influence over our complex education system, and yet, all too often, these leaders are required to assume massive responsibilities with little background in education policy. Our goal is to help political leaders develop a deeply-rooted vision for educational improvement.

The Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows program – **unlike any other Fellowship in the nation** – provides political leaders from across the country with the knowledge they need to cultivate smart and effective education agendas. The nonpartisan Fellows program:

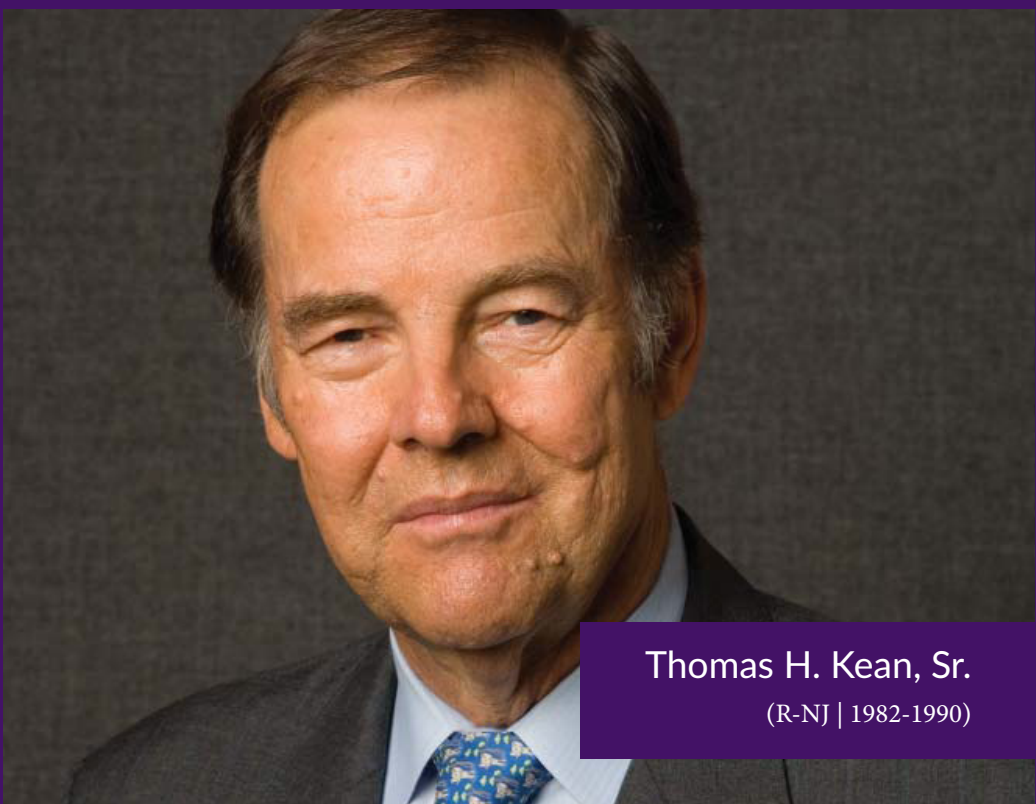
- Exposes Fellows to the best research and analysis on innovative and successful education policies and practices;
- Provides an environment that welcomes distinct views and fosters debate on multifaceted education issues; and
- Introduces Fellows to other leaders directing successful reform efforts across the nation.

The Fellows are part of an elite group of high-ranking, elected state officials who have committed themselves to a nine-month immersion in the full education continuum, from prenatal care and early childhood to postsecondary education and the workforce.

By investing in America's political leaders, we aim to build a cadre of informed and motivated educational change agents with the necessary influence to reform state education systems and improve outcomes.



James B. Hunt, Jr.
(D-NC | 1977-1985; 1993-2001)



Thomas H. Kean, Sr.
(R-NJ | 1982-1990)

The Prototypes

Both Democrat Jim Hunt and Republican Tom Kean are uniquely qualified for the title, “Education Governor.” As the state’s only four-term governor, Jim Hunt led North Carolina through an unprecedented period of educational improvement and economic growth. With a particular focus on early childhood development and improving the quality of teaching in America, Governor Hunt is ranked with U.S. presidents and secretaries of education as one of the 10 most influential people in American education by the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center.

As a former teacher, education policy was of special importance to Governor Tom Kean, who propelled change in New Jersey following the report, *A Nation at Risk*. Governor Kean proposed, among other things, raising beginning teacher salaries, instituting statewide high school graduation tests, and adopting new approaches to education in urban schools. He, too, has been rated among America’s most effective state leaders.

Whether blazing bold trails in early childhood education, establishing national teacher certification, connecting education and economic development, making historic gains, or fighting to raise teacher salaries, these governors understood the essential components of a coherent education policy agenda, how to establish and articulate a long-term vision, and how to use the bully pulpit to inform and move public policy. Hunt and Kean define what it takes to become *gubernatorial legend*.



Program Design

The Fellowship includes two in-person sessions – six days total – where Fellows engage with leading minds in education, policy, and politics. Throughout the program, Fellows interact with outstanding educators and school leaders, as well as participate in an intensive site visit of an area school.

The curriculum is designed to equip participants with the knowledge, relationships, and inspiration they need to engage in critical conversations about equity and lead on education reform in their current roles and as they pursue higher office. Fellows, educators, and experts engage in critical dialogue about key education issues such as prenatal to three years, early childhood, teacher policies, school leadership, school choice, standards and assessments, school accountability, postsecondary education, and the workforce.



Our Program

During the two in-person sessions and throughout the nine-month program, Fellows are afforded a wide range of learning experiences, including:

Policy Discussions featuring experts who probe Fellows' thoughts on the challenges and policy implications of the topics at hand and provide additional knowledge building as needed.

Study Groups allowing Fellows to gain a deeper understanding about an issue. Fellows break into small groups to engage in a facilitated in-depth discussion, case study analysis, or examination of model policy. They also participate in a deep-dive session where they have the time to present a current education issue that is important to them, share their position on the issue, and receive constructive feedback from critical friends.

Strategy Breakouts featuring former governors. This session allows Fellows to consider political and strategy implications in an intimate setting.

Site Visits and Classroom Perspective which provide Fellows a chance to see various issues firsthand and points of view of current practitioners. Fellows are equipped with the tools they need to conduct future site visits in their home states.

A Personalized, In-State Session guided by Hunt Institute staff. Fellows delve into specific policy areas in a private setting, which allows time for individual consultation.

Monthly Webinars which provide Fellows a venue to discuss timely education policy activities occurring in their states, other states, and at the national level.

Regional Site Visits where Fellows from across multiple Cohorts participate in small groups to see innovative models in action. Fellows meet with policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders involved in those models.

"As a Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellow, I further developed the skills needed to govern. Because I once sat in your chair, from day one I was ready to lead as governor. The Fellowship provided me with resources and knowledge I use to this day."

— Governor Kate Brown of Oregon, Fellow; Cohort 1

Current Governors



Governor Kate Brown
OREGON | 2015-Current
Cohort 1

Governor Brown previously served as Oregon's Secretary of State from 2009-2015.



Governor Brad Little
IDAHO | 2019-Current
Cohort 1

Governor Little served nearly five terms in the Idaho Senate before serving as Lt. Governor for 10 years.

Pathways to Leadership

The growing network of Fellows boasts four sitting governors, one governor-elect, one U.S. Senator, one former governor, and several gubernatorial candidates. Fellows across all Cohorts continue to build their influence in their home states, running for elected office, including governor, lieutenant governor and state legislators.

Current Governors



Governor Tate Reeves
MISSISSIPPI | 2020-Current
Cohort 1

Reeves has served as Lt. Governor since 2011. He was elected Governor in November 2019 and took office in January 2020.



Governor Kim Reynolds
IOWA | 2017-Current
Cohort 1

Governor Reynolds served as a county treasurer and state senator before becoming Lt. Governor.



Governor Gretchen Whitmer
MICHIGAN | 2019-Current
Cohort 3

Governor Whitmer served in both the Michigan House and Senate where she was elected Senate Democratic Leader.

Former Governor



Governor Jeff Colyer
KANSAS | 2018-2019
Cohort 2

Governor Colyer served in the Kansas House and Senate before serving two terms as Lt. Governor.

Active Gubernatorial Candidates



Lt. Governor Spencer Cox
Election Year 2020
UTAH | *Cohort 1*

Cox has served as Lt. Governor since 2013.



Lt. Governor Tim Griffin
Election Year 2022
ARKANSAS | *Cohort 3*

Griffin has served as Lt. Governor since 2015.



Attorney General Mark Herring
Election Year 2021
VIRGINIA | *Cohort 1*

Herring has served as the Attorney General since 2014.



State Senator Jennifer McClellan
Election Year 2021
VIRGINIA | *Cohort 4*

McClellan has served as a member of the Virginia Senate since 2017.

U.S. Senator



Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
NEVADA | 2017-Current
Cohort 1

Senator Cortez Masto serves on five committees, including Banking, Energy, Commerce, Rules, Indian Affairs, and Aging. She previously served as Nevada's Attorney General.

Notable Upcoming Elections



Eugene DePasquale | Auditor General
Election Year 2020
Pennsylvania | *Cohort 2*

Eugene DePasquale has served as Pennsylvania's Auditor General since 2013 and is currently running to represent Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional District.



Coral Evans | Mayor
Election Year 2020
Arizona | *Cohort 5*

Coral Evans has served as the Mayor of Flagstaff since 2016 and has announced her candidacy for the Arizona House of Representatives.

Notable 2018 Elections



Majority Floor Leader John Carney
KENTUCKY | *Cohort 5*

Carney was elected by the Kentucky House Republican Majority caucus to serve as Majority Floor Leader for 2019-20. He has served in the Kentucky House since 2009 and had previously served as Minority Whip.



Attorney General Aaron Ford
NEVADA | *Cohort 2*

Ford was elected Attorney General in 2018. He had previously served in the Nevada Senate since 2012 where he was elected Democratic Leader.



Lt. Governor Jon Husted
OHIO | *Cohort 2*

Husted was elected as Lt. Governor in 2018 with Governor Mike DeWine. Previously, Husted served in both the Ohio House and Senate before serving two terms as Secretary of State.



Attorney General William Tong
CONNECTICUT | *Cohort 4*

Tong was elected Attorney General in 2018. He had previously served in the Connecticut House since 2007.

Former Gubernatorial Candidates



**Fmr. State Treasurer
John Chiang**
CALIFORNIA | Cohort 2

Chiang served as State Controller for two terms before serving as State Treasurer from 2014-2019.



**Fmr. Auditor of Public Accounts
Adam Edelen**
KENTUCKY | Cohort 2

Edelen served as Auditor from 2011-2015. He previously served as Chief of Staff to Gov. Beshear.



**Fmr. Attorney General
Tim Fox**
MONTANA | Cohort 5

Fox has served as Attorney General since 2013.



**Fmr. State Treasurer
Cary Kennedy**
COLORADO | Cohort 3

Kennedy is the former Colorado State Treasurer and former Deputy Mayor and Chief Financial Officer of Denver.



**Fmr. Lt. Governor
Todd Lamb**
OKLAHOMA | Cohort 1

Lamb served seven years in the Oklahoma Senate before serving two terms as Lt. Governor.



**Fmr. U.S. Representative
Adam Putnam**
FLORIDA | Cohort 1

Putnam is the former Florida Commissioner of Agriculture. He has also served a combined 15 years in both the Florida and U.S. House of Representatives.



**Fmr. State Treasurer
Walker Stapleton**
COLORADO | Cohort 2

Stapleton served two terms as State Treasurer. Prior to public office, Stapleton served as CEO and CFO of various private and publicly-traded companies.

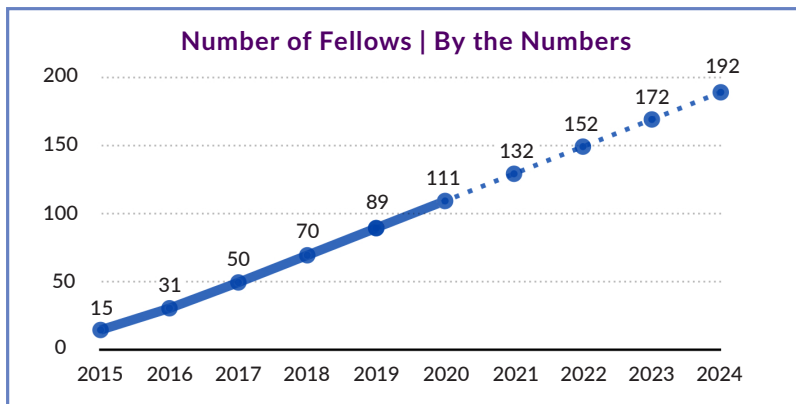


**Fmr. Lt. Governor
Mary Taylor**
OHIO | Cohort 3

Taylor is the former two-term Lt. Governor of Ohio. She also served as State Auditor, in the Ohio House, and on the Green City Council.

A Growing Network of State Leaders

Cohorts 1-6

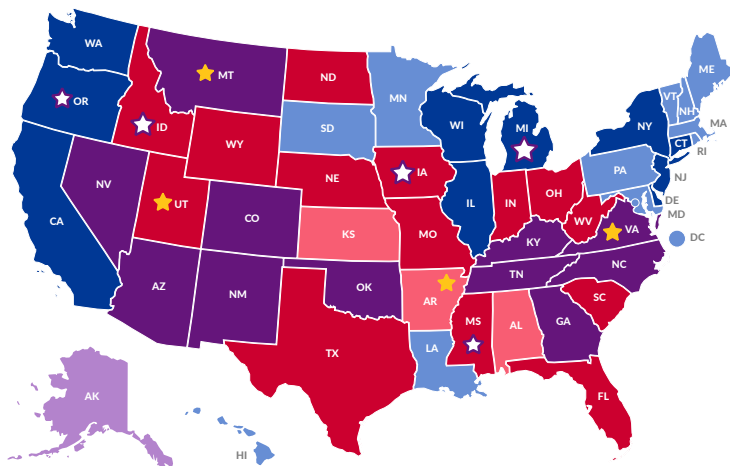


112
Total Fellows

50
States and D.C.
Represented

27
Fellows Won
Elections in 2018

Across the States



Multiple Democrats

Democrats & Republicans

Multiple Republicans

Democrat

Independent

Republican

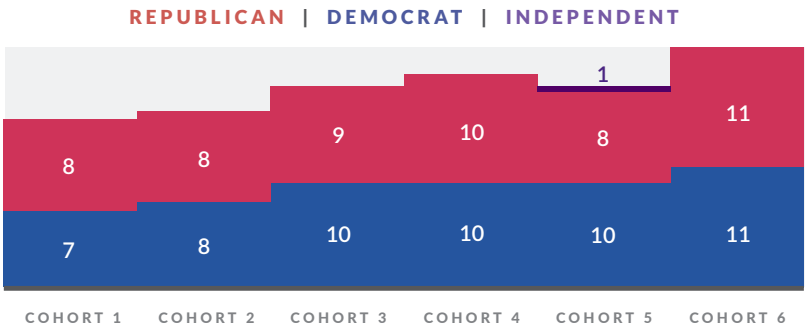
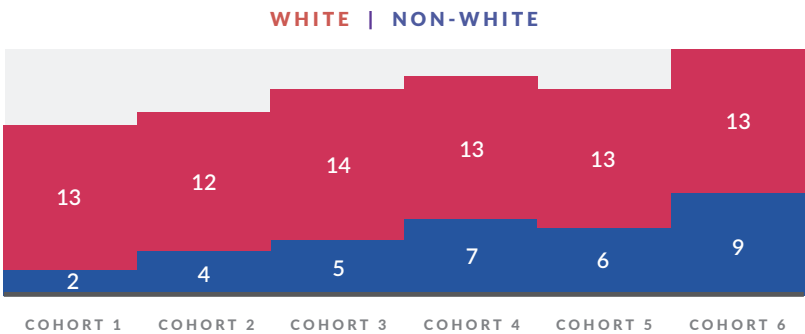
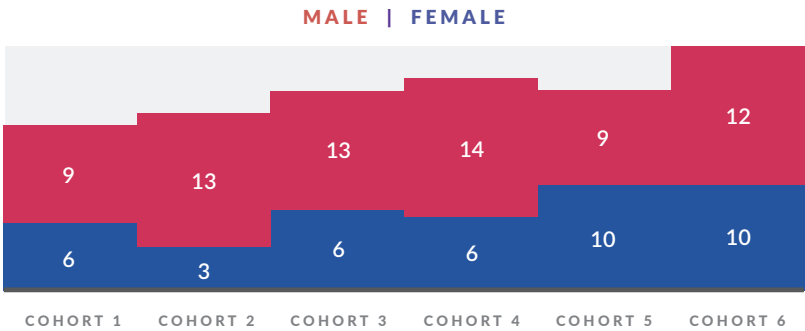


HK Fellows Governor



HK Fellows
Gubernatorial Candidate

Representaton & Inclusivity



“The Hunt-Kean Leadership program is a real source of learning and helps good leaders become even better leaders. I am elated to be a part of this group, and I’m looking forward to applying my newfound skills as we set out to tackle challenges, craft policies, and provide better tools to help improve our state education systems.”

— Former California State Treasurer John Chiang, Fellow; Cohort 2



Advisory Board

The Fellows Advisory Board consists of former governors who have put education at the center of their agendas, learned from the practical experiences of other governors, and utilized gubernatorial leadership as a lever to make systemic changes that resulted in improved student achievement. The in-person sessions offer Fellows the opportunity to meet with a wide array of former governors, representing both political parties, who generously share their invaluable knowledge and advice. Bipartisan Advisory Board members serve as experts and provide counsel to participants throughout their Fellowship experience.



“The Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows program does important work in a most important field: it links experienced policymakers with a new generation of leaders to help create state-specific strategies for excellence in public education. The Hunt Institute’s work is a model for nonpartisan collaboration, nationwide, on behalf of our children — our future.”

— Former Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski

Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows Advisory Board

The Honorable Roy Barnes

Former Governor | Georgia
1999-2003

The Honorable Phil Bredesen

Former Governor | Tennessee
2003-2011

The Honorable Don Carcieri

Former Governor | Rhode Island
2003-2011

The Honorable Mike Castle

Former Governor | Delaware
1985-1992

The Honorable Mitch Daniels

Former Governor | Indiana
2005-2013

The Honorable Jim Douglas

Former Governor | Vermont
2003-2011

The Honorable John Engler

Former Governor | Michigan
1991-2003

The Honorable Christine Gregoire

Former Governor | Washington
2005-2013

The Honorable Dave Heineman

Former Governor | Nebraska
2005-2015

The Honorable Brad Henry

Former Governor | Oklahoma
2003-2011

The Honorable Ted Kulongoski

Former Governor | Oregon
2003-2011

The Honorable Jack Markell

Former Governor | Delaware
2009 – 2017

The Honorable Susana Martinez

Former Governor | New Mexico
2011 – 2019

The Honorable Janet Napolitano

Former Governor | Arizona
2003-2009

The Honorable Tim Pawlenty

Former Governor | Minnesota
2003-2011

The Honorable Dick Riley

Former Governor | South Carolina
1979-1987

The Honorable Rick Snyder

Former Governor | Michigan
2011-2019

The Honorable Bob Taft

Former Governor | Ohio
1999-2007

The Honorable Bob Wise

Former Governor | West Virginia
2001-2005

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— Governor Jim Hunt



About The Hunt Institute

An affiliate of the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy, The Hunt Institute is a recognized leader in the movement to transform public education. Marshaling expertise from a nationwide partner network since it was established in 2001, The Institute brings together people and resources that help build and nurture visionary leadership and mobilize strategic action for greater educational outcomes and student success.



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