



# Providing Educational Opportunities to Kosova's Next Generation of Leaders

## What is The Kosova American Education Fund (KAEF)?

- KAEF offers graduate fellowships at American universities to talented Kosovars who demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of their country.
- An investment in KAEF will lead to long-term economic growth and better jobs for all Kosovars.
- KAEF enjoys the strong support of the Kosovar business community.

KAEF serves as a catalyst for the sustainable development of a democratic Kosova by investing in motivated, talented individuals with leadership potential, and providing them with graduate-level fellowships at top universities in the United States. Returning to Kosova, our graduates assume positions of leadership in public and private organizations, with the expectation that, over time, they will become leaders in Kosovar society – both as individuals, and as members of an ever-growing network.

The KAEF program has two goals: one immediate, the other ultimate. The **immediate goal** is to empower KAEF Fellows themselves — talented young men and women who possess the talent but lack the resources to pursue their education at the world's best universities. The program aims to provide them with the most advanced and relevant expertise for their careers as leaders within Kosova.

The **ultimate goal** of KAEF, however, is to create change in the institutions of Kosova themselves: in the ministries, the businesses, the nonprofit organizations, the donor agencies, the international corporations, the media, the parliament, the courts – in short, in all of the institutions that make up the fabric of Kosovar society. By providing intensive and high-quality education to the future leaders of these institutions, KAEF will engender the reforms necessary for Kosova to take advantage of its natural and human resources and build a sustainable, stable, and independent democracy.

## In Their Words

### Luan Dalipi

Monterey Institute of International Studies



"Kosova needs a series of business success stories to break away once and for all from the image of a post-war country with limited investment opportunities. Kosovars with international MBA degrees will in the near future be the Kosova Business Ambassadors to the rest of the world. Through investments and job creation, Kosova will ensure economic stability, and with economic stability, the political stability will only be solidified."

### Edona Pacarada

George Washington University



"Returning to Kosova and being part of the team entrusted with the mission of promoting sustained economic growth requires a vast understanding of business matters and all the factors involved in the process—social, political, international. I strongly believe the programs offered by the top-notch universities of the KAEF program will provide me with the theoretical framework and practical skills necessary to bring a significant contribution to the advancement of Kosova's business environment."

### Dastid Pallaska

Yale University



"Growing up in a decade of constant change and turmoil has made me realize the importance of good leadership and the consequences that come from the lack of it. It was, in fact, this realization that influenced my decision not to stand idly by the processes that affect the future of my society, but instead to engage them proactively."

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## Meet the KAEF Fellows

Fellows of **The Kosova American Education Fund (KAEF)** study at prestigious U.S. universities and return to become public and private sector leaders in Kosova. Since 2004, KAEF has provided 39 fellowships to Kosovoars. Below you can find a list of the 39 KAEF Fellows and their host institutions.

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**Selim Selimi** — Duke University  
**Albina Berisha** — Monterey Institute of Intl. Studies  
**Azemine Demiri** — Willamette University  
**Njomza Rexhepaj** — University of North Alabama  
**Pleurat Halili** — Columbia University  
**Biserka Ivanovic** — University of Missouri at Columbia  
**Artan Mehmeti** — Bowling Green University  
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