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Dear Friends,

Bulgarians lead by example. We see this time and again, in everyday situations and emergencies, most recently in support of earthquake-stricken Türkiye and Syria. Bulgarian citizens and civil society organizations began collecting aid within hours of the disaster, while volunteer rescuers from around the country joined local aid teams on day 3. The state response was swift as well: Bulgaria was the first EU country to send aid and relief workers to the affected areas.

We created Leadership Education in America Program (LEAP) in recognition of Bulgarians' leadership potential. In February, we selected the first fifteen individuals who will embark on a three-week journey of personal and professional advancement in the United States through the program.

Here we highlight two additional opportunities, Muse Academy and the Bulgarian National English Spelling Bee. Spelling bees improve students' English and communication skills, while ABF's newest training program, Muse Academy, helps museum professionals design memorable exhibits and increase museum attendance.

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## LEAP



### First 15 Participants in ABF's Leadership Program Revealed

Our final selection for this year's Leadership Education in America Program includes fifteen outstanding individuals from a variety of professional backgrounds. Congratulations to the first LEAP class!

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## What's New?



### Converting Museum Visitors into Fans Is Mission Possible

Paul Orselli has developed compelling museum exhibits for over 40 years. In March, he will share his experience with Bulgarian museum and gallery professionals.

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### Ready, Steady... Spell: Spelling Bee Season Kicks off in Bulgaria

There's a buzzing in the air. No, it's not a bee swarm coming your way. Throughout February, thousands of students will face off in spelling contests around Bulgaria.

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## Get Involved!



Our partners at TimeHeroes, the biggest volunteering platform in Bulgaria, have compiled a list of [ongoing campaigns and ways you can get involved in support of earthquake-stricken communities in Türkiye and Syria](#).



Members of the ABF team lent a hand, too! Our support team — Orlin, Rosen, Kosyo, and Jivko — helped our neighbors, [the Three Women Foundation](#), load and transport donations from Sofia to a collection site in Plovdiv.

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Your friends at the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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