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Letter from the Executive Director

I'm sure you've enjoyed reading about Team Sasha this month. Future Leader Sasha and Mentor Michael are an inspiring pair of [intrinsically motivated leaders](#). I can already visual Sasha as that great teacher who sparks in her middle school students a love of learning math and the confidence to be who and what they want to be: future math teachers, perhaps?

There are so many reasons why this is an exciting time of year at t2pRI. We have 2 cohorts of Future Leaders, we're working with tremendously talented mentors, and we're starting the fun and important mentor matching process for each of our new Future Leaders who just started the Leadership Workshop training sessions in January.

Have you thought about being a mentor? Please consider joining our mentor community for this year's Future Leaders Academy! We look forward to learning more about you and your interests. We also appreciate your help in sharing information about this mentoring opportunity in your networks too! **Learn more [here](#) & apply to be a Mentor [here](#), by Feb 15.**

Do you have questions about being a mentor? I look forward to hearing from you!

A quick note about a change in our communications with you:

We're grateful for our dedicated readers of our newsletter. We also appreciate having the important opportunity to introduce you to the newest members of our community -- our Future Leaders, Mentors, and Research Fellows. This year, we're going to try something a little different: our newsletter is becoming a quarterly update on key program developments, new research-based findings in leadership, and more.

Do you have suggestions for us? Please contact me with your comments and recommendations for how we can make our newsletter communications the best, most useful, and most impactful they can be: bhammer@t2pri.org | 612.843.5017

Finally, **Happy Year of the (Green Wood) Snake!** As a former resident of Shanghai, I

miss being immersed in [welcoming the God of Wealth](#) on the 5th night of the lunar new year (Feb 2, this year), as is the tradition in that 20+ million person city, but I'm pretty sure I could hear the celebratory firecrackers on Sunday from my neighborhood in Minneapolis.

Have a great February! And to the Mongolian members of our community: Happy [Tsagaan Sar](#)! Mongolia's New Year falls on March 1-3!

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