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Arizona House of Representatives

Representative Michelle Udall (R-25)

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Representative Michelle Udall Selected for Aspen Institute's Rodel Public Leadership Fellowship

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Michelle Udall was among 24 political leaders selected this week by the [Aspen Institute](#) for its Rodel Public Leadership Fellowship – a nongovernmental, nonpartisan education and leadership development program for American leaders holding elected office at the state or local level.

Each year, the Aspen Institute names a select group of America's emerging political stars to its prestigious Rodel Fellowship. Fellows are selected based on their reputations for intellect, thoughtfulness, and a commitment to civil dialogue.

"In this politically-divided time, I believe it's more important than ever for public leaders to engage in thoughtful and constructive discussions and efforts to strengthen our communities, our state, and our nation," said Representative Udall. **"I am excited and truly honored to be selected as a Rodel Fellow and I look forward to the enriching educational journey that it will bring."**

Representative Udall and the other Rodel Fellows of the 2020 Class will meet several times over the next two years to read and discuss important theoretical and historical texts that help them explore their personal and political values, deepen their understanding of – and strengthen their commitment to – the principles of American democracy, and cultivate a deep sense of respect for persons from different communities, with very different values and life experiences. The texts will include the Declaration of Independence, selections from the Federalist Papers, and writings by historians, philosophers and contemporary political theorists.

While the participants in this program are all elected, the Rodel Fellowship is not a political program, and it is not identified or associated with any political or party viewpoint. The program does not receive funding from any corporations or political organizations. The program does not endorse legislation or policy proposals, and no lobbyists, staff members, or outside observers are permitted to attend fellowship programs.

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