



# 2017 Emerging Leaders Alliance Conference Recap

The **2017 Emerging Leaders Alliance (ELA)** conference was held 5–8 November in Falls Church, Va., USA. In all, 66 young professionals registered for the leadership training, including eight representatives from the steel industry who were sponsored by AIST. The AIST delegates were selected from nominations submitted by AIST board members and AIST Foundation Trustees. AIST has served as managing partner of the Emerging Leaders Alliance since 2011. These individuals were able to network with other engineers and science-related professionals from a variety of other ELA partner organizations, including:



### The ELA conference sessions included:

- Personal Vision: Becoming an Indispensable Leader
- Making the Transition From Technical to Management
- Social Styles: Building Highly Productive Relationships That Matter
- Global and Virtual Team Leadership
- Global Leaders Embracing Inclusion for Success
- Innovation, Creativity and Problem Solving
- Emotional Intelligence: Foundation for Your Future
- How to Present Like an Award-Winning Actor: Increase Your Presence and Influence



Chris McKelvey, AIST Staff (first row, left) with the eight AIST representatives at the Emerging Leaders Alliance conference (first row: **Pramey Thirkateh**, Nucor Steel–Utah; **Mitren Sukhram**, Hatch; **Chase Rawlinson**, SSAB Americas; **Alyssa Van Delden**, Nucor Steel Jackson Inc. Second row: **Todd Zeisler**, SMS USA LLC; **Taylor Murphy**, AK Steel – Dearborn Works; **Tony Kmitta**, ArcelorMittal Burns Harbor; and **Ian Braun**, AK Steel).

“Thank you, AIST, for sponsoring my participation at the 2017 Emerging Leaders Alliance Conference. The event was an excellent opportunity to learn about the various insights on leadership from fellow engineers around the world and from hugely experienced speakers. The topics were thoughtful and fostered engaging and inspiring conversations. The conference helped me learn about myself and re-energized my passion for leadership and teamwork.” **Pramey Thirkateh**, Nucor Steel–Utah