



# YOUNG SOCIETY LEADERS 2011

## ABOUT THE YOUNG SOCIETY LEADERS

The Young Society Leaders (YSL) is a new program of The American Turkish Society that convenes a select, diverse group of the American-Turkish community's most outstanding young leaders, in their 30s and 40s, accomplished in their respective fields of business, law, medicine, journalism, academia and the arts.

These dedicated individuals are committed to an improved future of U.S.-Turkish business, diplomatic, and cultural ties and agree to share their demonstrated leadership skills, professional expertise, academic backgrounds, and networks to strengthen the American-Turkish community as well as The Society's impact and sustainability. More specifically, the YSL program has three objectives:

- **To build a diverse community of peers** by engaging Young Society Leaders into networks and processes that would build the standing of the American-Turkish community (comprised of individuals based in Turkey and in the United States, Turkish-Americans, and Americans affiliated with Turkey.)
- **To nurture and support the next generation leaders** for The American Turkish Society and the community at large through personal experiences and mentorships that build knowledge and engender better understanding of the global, regional, and industry agendas.
- **To positively impact issues that matter to the American-Turkish community** by engaging Young Global Leaders in taskforces related to specific challenges they have identified collectively.

In order to achieve these objectives, the YSLs will not only act together as a community, but will also interact and cooperate with the leadership of The American Turkish Society, as well as business, political, intellectual and other leaders in the United States and in Turkey. The YSLs will have the opportunity to meet with prominent mentors from the private and public sectors each year to exchange ideas, gain professional guidance, and to work on challenges jointly identified.

The American Turkish Society's Governance Committee has recruited **Aslı Karahan-Ay, Executive Director at UBS Investment Bank**, and a long-time supporter and friend of The Society, to lead this initiative.

The YSLs are selected for a term of three years, with a new class added each year. While the initial cohort of Young Society Leaders has been identified by The American Turkish Society, future classes will be selected following nominations from the public at large. Selection will be made each year by a committee formed by The Society's Board of Directors. Detailed information regarding the nomination process and selection criteria for next year's class will be available on [www.americanturkishsociety.org](http://www.americanturkishsociety.org) in the coming weeks.

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