I was privileged to attend the AMLI Institute during the very unique and challenging year of 2020-2021. Although our group’s experience may have been slightly different than that of many because we had to be remote, we quickly became a committed and close-knit group of professionals. Craig was, and is, a remarkable leader and he masterfully challenged all of us to learn, grow and dig deep so as to become the very best leaders that we could be.

Since the bulk of our experience was remote, one of the highlights for me was when we were granted the opportunity for an in-person follow-up in Maine the following year. As we walked together on the shore, many of us cemented our relationships and professional connections that still serve us today.

I became the Director of my SSS program in 2022. Would this have happened if I had not attended AMLI? Maybe. But what I can say for sure is that it was my AMLI companions who helped me make that decision when I did, and to help me navigate that path in what was a highly challenging time in general AMLI gave me that little extra dose of confidence that was needed and being in the company of so many others committed to a similar purpose also gave me that extra portion of desire to continue to want to reach ever higher in order to make a difference in the lives of others.

A few weeks ago I was granted another leadership opportunity as I attended the Executive Leadership Institute at Yale University as I now serve as the President Elect of VEOP. I was thrilled to be able to share the experience with one of my AMLI family, Kevin Linton, who serves as the President of MEOA. Look Craig we are still reaching!

In picture – Kevin, me and Milary from Rhode Island – the three NEOA professionals present at the ELI