Khawlah is an IVLP alumna from Iraq who participated in the State and Local Governments program in April 2016. During Khawlah’s program, her group had professional appointments with the Colorado General Assembly, Supreme Court, Department of Public Health and Environment, and Secretary of State. The group also met with the Denver Post and had dinner at the homes of local families.
“Firstly, I would like to express my big gratitude and appreciation to the U.S. Department of State for choosing me to participate in IVLP. It was really a great pleasure and beneficial program with its tremendous and various activities. I still remember our visit to the Supreme Court and the warm welcome and hospitality of the chief of judge. She was very professional in addition to her hospitality and informative reception. I also can’t forget our visit to the Denver Post and the chance that we had to learn their daily routine.

One of the most important things I was inspired to do is enhance my experience in PR and our work in media. I was very keen to improve my work with NGOs and collaborate to achieve best outreach activities with the citizens of Baghdad. I was chosen by TAKAMUL project/USAID to enhance the strategic awareness plans to improve the municipal services, namely cleaning and providing clean drinking water. To be honest, I spent my whole life dreaming of making our community better and more appropriate for living. I was nominated to be the chief of staff of the PR team of Baghdad Creative City of Literature, designated by UNESCO since 2015. We established a main office to hold various and professional activities to enhance education and awareness in the city of Baghdad. Baghdad is one of the most important historical cities in the whole world. There are a lot of historical and archaeological places and a great interest in Arts and literature. I think we can share a lot of common things between our two cities. During our visit to Denver, we had an educational, cultural, and entertaining program which I enjoyed very much and put in mind to share it with my colleagues and friends in Baghdad.”

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