

# The LTC Connection



*Our Mission — To assemble, develop and educate a diverse cadre of skilled leaders who will be catalysts for positive change in our community*

**Diversity – Teamwork – Individual  
Growth – Service – Communication –  
Innovation**

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## From the Board

### In this newsletter

*Jenni Harper, Communications Director*

In our April newsletter, we hope to provide you with helpful information on obtaining resources throughout the community to navigate through this unusual and unprecedented season. Many of our alumni, sponsors, and community members have reached out to us with opportunities to support each other and our neighbors during this time.

Just as many organizations are adjusting to conducting business during these times, our session directors, board of directors and Class XXV are also adjusting. The April class session, Arts & Culture, will be held virtually this year. The April board meeting was held via Zoom rather than in-person. Class XXV's fundraiser was altered from an in-person gala to an online auction (one day left - see link below!). We appreciate everyone's ability to adapt for the time and to still get the job done.

We encourage you to reach out to each other and to us if you know of a need that can be filled by your fellow LTC alumni.

Also, be sure to click on the "view entire message" link at the bottom of this email as your email provider may "clip" the newsletter for viewing.

Keep reading to learn more:

- Message from the Board
- Leadership Tri-Cities 25th Anniversary
- Class XXV Update and upcoming project and fundraiser information
- Alumni news
- Community Resources

Also, continue to check our website, as well as Facebook and Linked In pages.

Lastly, thank you all for your continued support of our organization. Your contributions to this newsletter allow us to share *your* successes and triumphs with your fellow alumni. We try to include as much information as we can each month, but without your continued contributions we may miss newsworthy items. Please email any feedback or news for inclusion to [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com). News does not need to be limited to the newsletter - we can add to any of our social media platforms or can share via email with the alumni as needed.

Thank you!

# Message from the Board

## Seeking Class Director, board positions for 2020-2021 session

*Susan Coleman, Class XXV Director*

If you are one of our 500 alumni that have benefited from the Leadership Tri-Cities learning experience, you have an opportunity to continue being a catalyst for positive change in your community by serving on the Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors.

Among other positions, there is an immediate need for the Leadership Tri-Cities Class Director for Class XXVI (also known as the Class Director-Elect). This person is the LTC board representative that selects and then guides the incoming LTC class through its year. The director with the LTC board ensures that the class receives valuable experiences and tools that develop knowledgeable leaders to serve our community. The Class Director position is a two (2) year term.

Please review the open positions noted below, and submit your application by April 30. Note on the application which position you are applying for. Only open positions will be considered at this time.

### Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors and open positions, 2020-2021

#### **Executive Board:**

Chairman: Rick Redden, Class XVII

**Chairman Elect: Applications being accepted**

Vice Chair: Kyle Cox, Class XV

**Vice Chair Elect: Applications being accepted**

Class Director (Class XXV): Susan Coleman, Class XIX

**Class Director Elect: Applications being accepted**

Alumni Development: Tawni Gama, Class XXII

**Alumni Development Elect: Applications being accepted**

Treasurer: Jennifer Mitchell, Class XVI

**Treasurer Elect: Applications being accepted**

Secretary: Leslie Streeter, Class XVIII

**Secretary Elect: Applications being accepted**

#### **At Large Directors**

Class Director-elect (Class XXV): **Applications being accepted**

Leadership Development Director: Spain Abney, Class XX

**Leadership Development Director Elect (shadow): Applications being accepted**

Communications Director: Jenni Harper, Class XXII

**Communications Director-Elect (Shadow): Applications being accepted**

Sponsorships Director: John McCoy, Class XVI

Events Director: Anne Spilman, Class XXII

Events Director-Elect (Shadow): Heather Lee, Class XXII

#### **Session Directors**

Agriculture Director: Justin Toner, Class XXI

Agriculture Director-Elect (Shadow): Nicki Kennedy, Class XXI

Arts & Culture Director: Candice Jones, Class XXI

Arts & Culture Director-Elect (Shadow): Justin Raffa, Class XIX

Economic Development Director: Tracie Cowin, Class XXI

Economic Development Director-Elect (Shadow): Shauna Sanders, Class III

Education Director: Alyssa St. Hilaire, Class XVIII

**Education Director Elect (Shadow): Applications being accepted**

Hanford Site Director: Jill Conrad, Class XX

Hanford Site Director-Elect (Shadow), Patti Jones, Class XXIV

Human Needs & Services Director: JoDee Garretson, Class II

Human Needs & Services Director-Elect (Shadow): Michelle DeGooyer, Class XXIV  
Law & Justice Director: Ricky Walsh, Class II  
Law & Justice Director-Elect (Shadow): Tom Reich, Class I  
Local & State Government Director: Jamie Arevalo, Class XXI  
**Local & State Government Director Elect (Shadow): Applications being accepted**  
Medical & Health Services Director: Kirk Williamson, Class I  
**Medical & Health Services Director Elect (Shadow): Applications being accepted**  
Past Class Director (Class XXIV): Spain Abney, Class XX

**Applications will be accepted until April 30.**

e-mail completed applications and/or questions to [ltcwa.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.secretary@gmail.com) or mail to  
Leadership Tri-Cities, PO Box 4660, Pasco, WA 99302

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELF-NOMINATION FORM

### Class XXVI Recruitment

Applications for Class XXIV are currently due May 15, with interviews to be scheduled in the following weeks. Schedule, participant expectations and application can be found at [www.leadershiptricity.com](http://www.leadershiptricity.com). Due to social distancing guidelines, there is no in-person information session scheduled. Please reach out to Leadership Tri-Cities' Vice-Chair/Recruitment Coordinator Kyle Cox at [Kcox@midcolumbialibraries.org](mailto:Kcox@midcolumbialibraries.org).

### Leadership Tri-Cities' 25th Anniversary

2020 marks the 25th graduating class of Leadership Tri-Cities, and the 25th anniversary of Class I's graduation. Throughout this year, the alumni director will be communicating with participants of Class I to commemorate their experience with the program and to learn more about their leadership journey since graduation.

Graduation is scheduled for June 10. Please continue to watch your inboxes, our website and Facebook page for information on the event.



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on Facebook

### News from Class XXV

Class XXV project and fundraiser

Changing the future of homeless young adults

We are members of Leadership Tri Cities Class XXV. We are raising money for our project to benefit A New Start In Life (ANSIL), a local nonprofit day center and shelter for homeless members of our community. We are going to make repairs and improvements to their facility.

ANSIL's day center provides over 1650 services a month. ANSIL Hall provides transitional housing, resources to obtain highschool diplomas and direction to enter the workforce to ages 18-24.

Homeless individuals and families frequently have a difficult time exiting poverty and ending homelessness. ANSIL helps provide A New Start in Life.

Our project works begin this spring. Funds raised will assist in the completion of vital updates to the Center's clothing and toiletry distribution area, computer room, eating area and main office as well as updates to the shared housing rooms. To complete this task we need to purchase supplies big and small; from paint rollers/tape to a new refrigerator.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Even small donations matter a great deal. Here's an easy way for your friends and family to donate to our cause. Checks be made to ANSIL and deposited at any Numerica branch or sent to our PO Box 1095 Richland, WA 99352. Unfortunately, Class XXV's fundraiser which was originally scheduled for March 28 had to be canceled due to COVID-19 precautionary measures. Fortunately, you are still able to contribute to our project through April 21 via our online fundraiser at the following Facebook fundraising page: [A new start: Rising from homelessness](#)

ANSIL is a non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness, poverty and despair by addressing the needs of the homeless young adult population. "We are fortunate and excited to partner with Leadership Tri-Cities to enhance the impact on the Tri-Cities' young adult community," states ANSIL's program director Tobaski Snipes. For more information on ANSIL, please visit <https://www.ansil99336.com/>.

## Alumni News and Events

### Join the Alumni Association

Each class experience is full of learning, networking and development of our individual leadership skills. This life changing experience should not end at the completion of your class! Instead, as a larger group, continue your LTC journey as part of a strong, unified alumni membership group. Invest in your continued leadership development by becoming an alumni member of LTC for \$50 on an annual basis or pay \$300 for lifetime membership.

Your alumni membership includes:

- Paid admittance to Class Graduation
- Reduced rate to First Fridays
- Ability to participate in an annual service project
- Access to the annual social
- Opportunity to nominate an alumnus for the "Alumnus of the Year" Award

Click [here](#) to join or renew your membership.

### 2020 Alumnus of the Year Nomination

This award recognizes alumni who are the embodiment of Leadership Tri-Cities mission of developing knowledgeable leaders to serve our community and become catalysts for change. As the highest award bestowed, these recipients have achieved exceptional success in their professions, serve as exemplary role models, demonstrate commitment and service to Leadership Tri-Cities, and have bettered their community.

Criteria:

- • Leadership Tri-Cities graduate
- • Significance of contributions to his/her community
- • Service and commitment to Leadership Tri-Cities
- • Demonstration of mentorship and service to others
- • Other factors for consideration

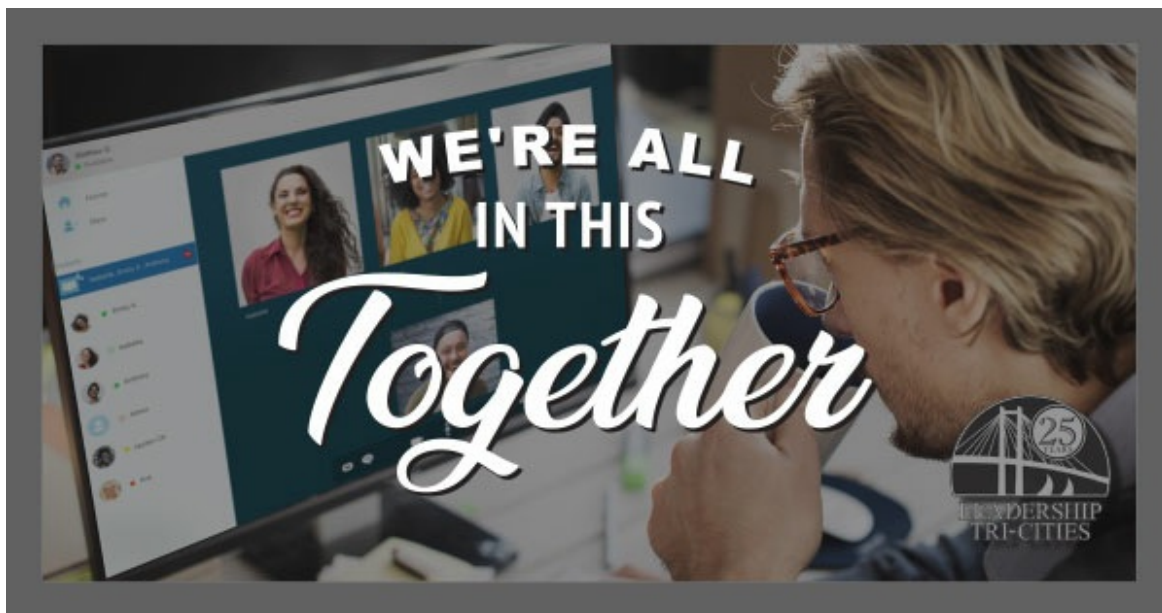
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[Nomination Form](#)

*Do you have anything exciting you'd like to share with your fellow alumni? Are you especially proud of one of your classmates? Let us know and we'll share it in an upcoming newsletter! Email [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com).*

## Community Resources



### Tri-City Union Gospel Mission providing meals

The Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, located at 221 S. 4th Ave. in Pasco, is providing free walk-up meals for lunch (from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.) and dinner (5 p.m. - 6 p.m.). Meals are available to anybody, one per person.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

The American Red Cross has an urgent need for blood supply.

Where: Charter College Pasco

Thursday, April 30, 2020

09:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Location: Charter College Pasco

-5278 Outlet Drive

For an appointment, please reach out to [James Martinez](#), 509-713-4430

## Resources

*Jenni Harper, LTC Communications Director*

You will notice the lack of events which are usually noted here. Unfortunately, many of the fundraisers and other events previously scheduled in the spring of 2020 have been canceled or postponed due to the COVID-19 precautions. For many of the organizations that hold these events, this is their primary means of funding their programs. Please continue to also personally support, in any way you can, the non-profits and small businesses which you normally do. Continue to communicate with each other as well, and make sure none of us are falling through the cracks. In addition, if you are having difficulty yourself, please reach out to those of us who may be in a position to help.

*"All of us might wish at times that we lived in a more tranquil world, but we don't. And if our times are difficult and perplexing, so are they challenging and filled with opportunity." - Robert Kennedy*



*Click on the picture to link to Benton-Franklin Health Department's COVID-19 information page.*

[Flatten the Curve TC Facebook page](#)

[Tri-City Regional Chamber - Open for Business](#)

[Pasco Chamber - Pandemic Resources](#)

[Washington Employment Security - COVID 19 Resources](#)

## Calendar

- April 22 - Arts & Culture Session Day
- May 13 - Board Meeting
- May 20 - Hanford Session Day
- June 10 - Leadership Forward, Graduation

[Master Calendar](#)



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## Newsletter contributions

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What type of information would you like to see in the Leadership Tri-Cities newsletter? Please let us know what you like, what you don't like, and what you'd like to see more of. If your organization is involved in a project you'd like to share, if you've been in the news, or if you have anything you'd like your Leadership Tri-Cities community to know about, please let us know so we can include it in a future newsletter! Email suggestions to [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com)

We'd also like to feature our alumni in the news. If anything exciting is happening in your life - if you've recently been promoted, elected, or appointed to a position that will bring positive change to your community, let us know and we'll let your fellow LTC alumni know!

The LTC Connection is compiled and distributed monthly by the board of directors. Send submissions to Jenni Harper at [ltcwa.communications@gmail.com](mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com) by the 25th of each month for publication the following month.

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