

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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Class XXIV starts their journey

Leadership Tri-Cities' next best class ever, Class XXIV, started their ten-month journey Wednesday, August 1.

The day began with the ropes course, held at the Reach Beyond Challenge Course located in Columbia Park. Class members stretched their comfort zones as they met their classmates, many for the first time, and participated in exercises designed to promote leadership, problem-solving, communication and cooperation.

After the ropes course, the class was introduced to the board with a reception at the Reach Museum. The class was welcomed by LTC chair Rick Redden, and Steve Simmons, owner of CG Public House and Visit Tri-Cities chair.

Secretary of Defense James Mattis was honored guest for the evening, and treated the class with words of wisdom on leadership. "Put others first" are the three words every leader should live by, he told the class. He also shared the virtues every good team should possess: trust, respect, and affection for each other.

Secretary Mattis took several questions from the class and stayed for some photo opportunities.

After dinner, session day directors provided the class with overviews of the year to come. It was an exhilarating evening which set the stage for another best class ever!



Opportunity to Give Back to LTC

If you're one of our 500 alumni that have benefited from the LTC learning experience, you have an opportunity to continue being a catalyst for positive change in our community by serving on our Board of Directors or volunteering for our non-profit organization. You recognize the value of service and teamwork, and we sincerely invite you to apply for a Board of Director position or let us know your skillset and capacity to contribute.

Self-nominations for the Board of Directors are being accepted for the following positions until filled.

Executive Board

- Vice Chair

At Large Directors

- Sponsorships Director Shadow

Candidates will be proposed for election at the next regular meeting of the board. If a candidate is not elected at that time, nominations will continue to be accepted until an applicant is elected.

If you're not interested in a Board position but are willing to volunteer, we're seeking alumni with communication and event management skills to assist with marketing, class recruitment and fundraising, and those who wish to participate in an alumni service project. Contact Board Communications Director Jennifer Harper (Class XXII) at <mailto:ltcwa.communications@gmail.com> for more information.

APPLY NOW

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

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Vice Chair: Vacant

Class Director (Class XXIV): [Spain Abney](#), Class XIV

Alumni Development: [Tawni Gama](#), Class XXII

Secretary: [Jennifer Mitchell](#), Class XVI

Treasurer: [Stephæn Harrell](#), Class I

At Large Directors

Class Director-elect (Class XXV): [Susan Coleman](#), Class XIX

Leadership Development: [Garth Reed](#), Class XVI

Communications: [Jenni Harper](#), Class XXII

Sponsorships: [Darci Tee](#), Class III

Events: [Anne Spilman](#), Class XXII

Session Directors

Agriculture: Justin Toner, Class XXI

Arts & Culture: Candice Jones, Class XXI

Economic Development: Tracie Cowin, Class XXI

Education: Sarah Thornton, Class X

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Hanford Site: Jill Conrad, Class XX
Human Needs & Services: JoDee Garretson, Class II
Law & Justice: Ricky Walsh, Class II
Local & State Government: Randy Hansen, Class XXII
Director Elect (shadow), Local & State Government: Jamie Arevalo, Class XXI
Medical & Health Services: Becky Grohs, Class XIII
Director Elect (shadow), Medical & Health Services: Kirk Williamson, Class I



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Class XXIV News

Introducing Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXIV 2018-2019



Front row l-r: Brandon Andersen, Scott Hagihara, Renee Adams, Richa Sigdel, Diane Hamlin, Leo Martinez Jr., Sara Schwan, Julie Schroeder, Michele DeGooyer

Seond row l-r: Megan Cook, Tracy Spooner, Adele Dallman, Kaitlin Carter, Cindy Powell, Kelsie Smith, Crystal Carter, Patti Jones, Lori Lott, Jennifer Cunningham, Hector Cruz, Rebecca Weber

Back row l-r: Jerry Cochran, Ryan Malm, Ben Stewart, Marc Newman

Check back next month for an update from the class on their experience at the retreat!

Alumni

Alumni team building event August 29

Grab your bathing suit for the first alumni event of the year! We will be teaming up with Northwest Paddle Boarding for an evening of team building and fun. Don't worry if you don't have any experience on a paddle board. Learning will be half the fun. Just come prepared to get wet. Join us August 29 from 6:30 - 7:30. For more details or to RSVP, contact Tawni Gama at tawnig@conoverinsurance.com





Service Opportunities

Serve Tri-Cities

Serve Tri-Cities is currently accepting applications for the coming service year. STC offers paid training, a monthly living allowance of \$1,373 and an education award of \$5,920. The program starts September 4, and interviews are underway. There are 20 slots available.


Serve Tri-Cities is a paid opportunity for citizens 18-81 to serve our community by tutoring children in K-5. Members also help with community events that promote literacy. More than 2,000 children benefit from the intensive tutoring program each year. Applications are currently being accepted. To learn more information and apply, visit [Serve Tri-Cities](http://ServeTri-Cities.com).


CONGRATULATIONS
 Serve Tri-Cities



Serving Benton and Franklin Counties, the Pasco School District #1's Serve Tri-Cities program is awarded \$304,632 to engage 20 AmeriCorps members to address literacy and academic success of struggling students through academic support. AmeriCorps members will receive up to \$118,400 in education scholarships to pay for college, vocational training, or to pay back student loans.

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 Changing Communities. Changing Lives.

A BETTER YOU.
 A GREATER US.



ARE YOU A RECENT GRADUATE?
 AN ENTHUSIASTIC ADULT?
 AN ACTIVE RETIREEE?

Serve Tri-Cities tutors help children in our community succeed in school and life.

Benefits:

- **Real-World Job and Leadership Experience**
Strengthen your résumé or college application as you develop skills you can use in any work or social setting.
- **Living Allowance** Receive \$1,373 per month during your 10-month term.
- **Education Award** Earn \$5,920 for each term of service to continue your education, pay student loans, or take personal enrichment classes. If you are 55 or older, you can pass your award on to a child or grandchild.
- **Personal Accomplishment** Enjoy the satisfaction that comes from giving back to the community, taking on challenges and seeing results.

Apply today! Interviews begin early August

Learn more at servetricities.com
 or call us at **546-0180**




Girls on the Run Southeast Washington

Girls on the Run inspires girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Trained coaches lead small teams through our research-based curricula which includes dynamic discussions, activities and running games. Over the course of the ten-week program, girls in 3rd-8th grade develop essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and establish a lifetime appreciation for health and fitness. The program culminates with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and being physically and emotionally prepared to complete a celebratory 5K event. Girls on the Run Southeast Washington is currently recruiting board members, coaches, and volunteers. For more information, visit GOTR Southeast Washington



iMPACT Compassion Center

iMPACT! Compassion Center is a local nonprofit organization, which offers free life assessment, guidance, and support services to anyone who could use assistance navigating and sorting through their specific needs or situations. The organization provides life skills, self-empowerment tools, encouragement, shows value, love, human compassion, and a safe, welcome place where people can feel safe and free to talk and get help. The organization doesn't provide financial aid, but assists others in connecting with these resources, but has basic essentials available for those in-need (clothes, hygiene, diapers). The organization also seeks community contributions of larger, household items for those who seek help, and are screened-in for approval.

iMPACT! Compassion Center is seeking new board members. For more information, contact impactcompassioncenter@gmail.com

Rascal Rodeo

Rascal Rodeo produces Exceptional Rodeos sharing the adrenaline rush & sense of accomplishment of the western way of life with special needs athletes who fight battles in a different arena.



Rascal Rodeo is seeking volunteers and board members. For more information, visit [Rascal Rodeo](#)

Public boards and commissions

Many of our local cities and counties have volunteer opportunities and/or public commission vacancies. If you've ever been interested in serving on a board or commission and don't know where to start, please start by visiting your local municipality's website! You would be surprised how many opportunities there are to serve!

Examples of service opportunities are: Public Facilities District Board, Americans with Disabilities Act Board, Economic Development Committees, Library Board of Trustees, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel Committee, Utility Advisory Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Mosquito Control District Board, Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Arts Commission, Veteran's Advisory Board, Horticultural Pest and Disease Control Board...and that's just to name a few!

[City of Kennewick](#), [City of Pasco](#), [City of Richland](#), [City of West Richland](#), [Benton County](#), [Franklin County](#)

If you are aware of any volunteer and/or board opportunities you'd like listed, please let us know at ltcwa.communications@gmail.com

Calendar

- August 3 - 4 - LTC Retreat (Wenatchee) - September's newsletter will have an update from the class on their experience!
- August 15 - LTC Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Hapo (Clearwater)

- August 29 - Alumni Social, Two Rivers Park (Finley), 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- September 12 - LTC Board Meeting, 4:30 p.m. Hapo (Clearwater)
- September 19 - Economic Development Session Day

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 lrcwa.communications@gmail.com

The LTC Connection is compiled and distributed monthly by the board of directors. Send submissions to Jenni Harper at lrcwa.communications@gmail.com by the 15th of each month for publication the following month.

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