

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

We are excited to present our February newsletter to our alumni!

We sincerely appreciate all that have provided information for inclusion, including our alumni in the news, upcoming fundraisers and volunteer opportunities, and general feedback from previous newsletters. Please continue to give us feedback and provide information for future newsletters. The intent is to send the newsletter by the end of the first week of each month, so **contributions are due by the 25th of each month.**

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:

- LTC board opportunities
- Important dates for Class XXV recruitment
- Alumni news and events
- Class XXIV updates
- Service opportunities and upcoming fundraisers

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 lctwa.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!

Opportunity to give back to LTC

If you are 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 skill-set and capacity to contribute.

Current vacancies include vice chair and sponsorships shadow.

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2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Chairman: Rick Redden, Class XVII

Vice Chair: Vacant

Class Director (Class XXIV): Spain Abney, Class XX

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
(Class Director-elect needed for Class XXV, 2019-2020)

Leadership Development: Garth Reed, Class XVI

Communications: Jenni Harper, Class XXII

Sponsorships: Darci Teel, Class III **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

Events: Anne Spilman, Class XXII **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

Session Directors

Agriculture: Justin Toner, Class XXI

Arts & Culture: Candice Jones, Class XXI **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

Economic Development: Tracie Cowin, Class XXI

Education: Sarah Thornton, Class X

Director Elect (shadow), Education: Alyssa St. Hilaire, Class XVIII

Hanford Site: Jill Conrad, Class XX **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

Human Needs & Services: JoDee Garretson, Class II **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

Law & Justice: Ricky Walsh, Class II **(shadow needed 2019-2020)**

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

Upcoming dates for Class XXV recruitment 2019 - 2020 Session Year

First week of March - Applications open

Information Night - mid March

End of April - Applications due

Notifications - by May 11

End of May - Interviews

Be sure to check www.leadershiptricity.com for more information.

Show your support for LTC

Wear your name badge on session days

Kirk Williamson (Class I) suggests all alumni proudly display their class name tags on session days. When people ask what this means, you'll have the opportunity to share the impact Leadership Tri-Cities has had on you and the community!

If you're not able to wear your name tag, your alumni lapel pin will work also!

Class XXIV Session Days

February 21 - Education

March 20 - Medical & Health Services

April 17 - Arts & Culture

May 15 - Hanford Site

June 12 - Leadership Forward & Graduation



Visit us
on Facebook

Class XXIV news

January's session day: Local and State Government

Patti Jones, Class XXIV Historian

Whirlwind.

That's the word that comes to mind to describe the two and a half days of the LTC Class XXIV (Best Class Ever!) State and Local Government session days. Day one was held in Kennewick, and provided insight to the class from city officials and county commissioners, not just on



the different local governing bodies, but also on how each of them became involved, and what Class XXIV can do to get involved. Information was provided on how the budgets work in local government, collaboration with local first responders, and the basics of how the government functions. After a full day of information and involvement, the class boarded the bus bound for Olympia.

Day two for the class began with a walking tour of the capital, including history, fun facts about the buildings, and explanations of the different chambers and how they function. The tour guide was extremely knowledgeable and engaging. Accompanying Class XXIV were members of the Tri-City Legislative Council (TCLC). The TCLC presented to the

class their position papers, escorted the class to committee hearings, and brought in lobbyists, senators and state bureaucrats to help answer questions and inform them of upcoming issues. The class met with the Deputy Secretary of State to learn how the office is run and become informed about the election process, and local Congressional members Senator Sharon Brown and Representative Boenke talked about their upcoming key issues. Craig Maloney (Class VIII) was gracious enough to allow class members to shadow him in his dealings with senators and representatives as he discussed with them his issues as a councilman for the City of Pasco. Closing out the day was Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib, who shared his views, the challenges he has faced, and information about the roles and responsibilities of the Lt. Governor. The day was kept in constant motion with fascinating speakers and plenty of sights to see.

Packed with a lot of information, and many steps logged on their FitBits, the class reconvened at the hotel to a reception hosted by the TCLC. This author is not allowed to divulge many details of the evening reception, except to say that the buffet was tasty and there were some karaoke moves that may never again be performed in public.

Class XXIV would like to express its sincere appreciation to the planning and effort that went into coordinating such an amazing learning experience! This could not have been an easy event to organize, and we are grateful for the hard work that was put in to providing us with this opportunity.

**Class XXIV's next session day, Education, will be held
Thursday, February 21**

Alumni in the news

Class XXI's Kimberly Williams-Harper receives Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award

Congratulations to Class XXI's [Kimberly L. Williams-Harper](#), this year's recipient of Columbia Basin College's Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award.

[Read the Tri-City Herald article here.](#)



FIRESIDE CHAT *with*

Kimberly Harper,

Winner of CBC's 2019 Martin
Luther King, Jr. Spirit Award

Thursday, March 7th
6:00PM - 8:00PM

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Alumni Association

January alumni social a success

This year's alumni social event was held January 16 at The Edge Steakhouse and Sports Lounge. Many of our alumni attended and enjoyed visiting with classmates and some even tried out The Edge's new golf simulator.

The event is just one of many of the events Tawni Gama, alumni director, has planned for this year. Be sure to watch your inbox for future events and opportunities to reconnect with Leadership Tri-Cities this year!



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
- Right to nominate an alumnus for the "Alumnus of the Year" Award

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

Upcoming alumni activities

2019 Alumnus of the year:

Watch your inbox for the alumnus of the year nomination. Instructions for nomination will be sent in March.

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.

Service opportunities / Fundraisers / Events

Fuse Launch Ideation scholarships available

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR FUSE LAUNCH IDEATION: FOOD EDITION

State of Motion, a nonprofit fostering small business, is offering up to ten scholarships for Fuse Launch: Ideation. This scholarship pays the \$75 tuition, so students attend the complete series for free.

Fuse Launch: Ideation is a five-week workshop for those who have an idea for a food business and need some guidance getting it started. It runs 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday for five weeks starting March 5 at Red Mountain Kitchen in Downtown Kennewick. This event would not be possible without a grant from the City of Kennewick economic development office. Registration for the class is now open at fusespc.com

To be eligible, applicants need to submit a one-page or shorter essay about their interest in the food industry. Fuse staff members will select the top essays for scholarships.

Please send your completed essay to katie@fusespc.com by February 15 for consideration.

Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber's February Networking Luncheon, February 19

The Tri-Cities' Hispanic Chamber's February networking luncheon topic is "Leadership

Tri-Cities in the Latino Community". The event will be held Tuesday, February 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Pasco Red Lion, 2525 N. 20th Ave., Pasco.

Panelists include Leadership Tri-Cities alumni and current class members Hector Cruz (Class XXIV), Diahann Howard (Class VII), Davin Diaz (Class XV), Lupe Mares (Class XXIII), and Jazmin Santa Cruz (Class XX). The panel will be moderated by Martin Valadez.

Topics:

- What does leadership mean to you?
- How did/does LTC fit in?
- Where is the leadership gap in the Tri-Cities, specifically in the Latino community?
- What steps can we take as a community to bridge that leadership gap?

[Purchase Tickets](#)



Rebuilding Mid-Columbia fundraiser April 13

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Invites you to...
THERE'S NO PLACE Like Home Fundraiser
Save the Date
APR 13TH
Best Western Plus
Formerly the M Hotel
1515 George Washington Way
Richland
Cocktail hour at 530p
Auction 630-830p
Performance by
Academy of Children's Theatre
to follow

Dinner Theater Fundraiser to support Domestic Violence Services DVSBF - March 8



Leadership Tri-Cities' Class XXIV is holding a fundraiser to support their class project for Domestic Violence Services. The event will be an Old Time Radio Show "Third Eye" by Nick Danger. The event will be held Friday, March 8 at 6 p.m. at the Uptown Theater in Richland. Funds raised will be used to improve the Domestic Violence Services' Safe House. Click [here](#) to learn how to purchase tickets or sponsor the event.

Volunteers needed for Destination Imagination



Destination Imagination will hold the regional tournament in Richland on **March 2nd**, and is looking for volunteers to help appraise student presentations. More information can be found [here](#) (link to Facebook).

The State Destination Imagination tournament will be at Southridge High School on **March 30th**, and volunteers are needed for that also. Volunteers can help at both. There is a training meeting and then two Saturdays required. This is a great way to help out, and not too long of a commitment!

Tri-Cities Cancer Center Foundation's 19th Annual Cancer Crushing Breakfast - March 19

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Tuesday, March 19th, 7:30 a.m.

Three Rivers Convention Center

Reserve your seat before March 8th by calling (509) 737-3373

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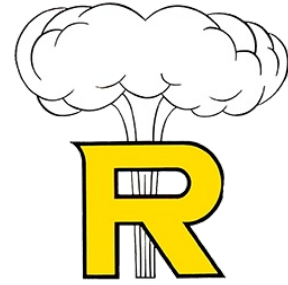


Richland High School Mock Interviews March 26

Richland High School would like to invite Leadership Tri-Cities alumni to be a part of their Mock Interview Event being held on Tuesday, March 26th from 7:55 am to 2:30 pm in the library at RHS (930 Long Avenue, Richland). Mock Interviews provide the junior class students with the opportunity to practice real life interviewing skills and help them prepare to apply for senior year internships as well as college entrance meetings.

RHS is seeking volunteers from the community to assist with this project. Volunteers will interview students individually and provide feedback on all aspects of the interview process. The Mock Interview lasts 15 minutes per student; which consists of a 10 minute interview followed by a 5 minute feedback and discussion period. Volunteers will be provided with each student's resume and cover letter prior to the interviews.

Please contact Monica Brink directly at monica.brink@rsd.org if you are interested in being a participant and how many hours you are willing to volunteer. For those of you who have participated in the past, RHS invites you to join them again for this important event.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection day - Benton County

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 9 AM - 3 PM COUNTY ROAD SHOP 102808 WISER PKWY	SATURDAY, APRIL 6 9 AM - 3 PM COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 1500 S OAK STREET
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ITEMS ACCEPTED: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paints• Propane Tanks• Cleaners• Gasoline (less than 20 gallons)• Yard chemicals & fertilizers• Motor oils & antifreeze• Batteries - acid or alkaline• Fire extinguishers	ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explosives & dynamite• Asbestos• Ammunition• Biohazards• Tires• Medicines• Electronics• Gasoline (more than 20 gallons)• Business/contractor waste• Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
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QUESTIONS? Contact Solid Waste at 509-786-5611 or publicworks@co.benton.wa.us

Franklin County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

1721 Dietrich Road in Pasco

(Between Basin Recycling and BDI Transfer)

Ph: (509) 547-2088

[Get Directions](#)

Hours of Operation

Mon-Friday, 10 am to 3 pm (or by Appointment)

Website: http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/solid_waste/household_hazard.html

For more information and resources on sustainability in the Tri-Cities, visit [Go Green Tri-Cities](#).

Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT) Mane Event, May 18



www.trot3cities.org 509-412-0112

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AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY"



Finding fundraisers and events around town

- [Tri-City Herald Arts & Entertainment page](#) or search their [online calendar](#)
- Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business [Events Calendar](#)
- Facebook (from the desktop)
 - Click on "Events" on the left side of your home page
 - On the right side of the screen, there are links under "Find Events"
 - Search under "causes"
 - You can further sort by date, city, or change the category

If you are aware of an event you'd like to share with the LTC community, please let us know by sending information and a link to the event page to Jenni Harper at lrcwa.communications@gmail.com

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 lrcwa.communications@gmail.com

Calendar

- February 13 - Board Meeting, Clearwater Hapo
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[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

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!

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