

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

You will notice our March newsletter has a slightly more somber tone than usual. In this month's newsletter, we will keep you up to date as well as we can on schedule changes, and ways we can support our community through the COVID-19 challenge.

We sincerely appreciate all that have provided information for inclusion, and 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 and events
- Call to Action

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!

Message from the Board

Seeking Class Director, board positions for 2020-2021 session

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 lrcwa.secretary@gmail.com or mail to
Leadership Tri-Cities, PO Box 4660, Pasco, WA 99302

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELF-NOMINATION FORM

Class XXVI Recruitment

The Leadership Tri-Cities Board is currently developing information regarding Class XXVI, including schedule for information session(s), application availability and deadline, interviews, and class schedule. Continue to watch your inboxes, social media, and our website at www.leadershiptricity.com for more information in the coming weeks.

Please note, the Class XXVI Information Session, which was previously scheduled for March 18, has been postponed. We will update our website and Facebook pages once an alternate plan is developed.

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.



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News from Class XXV

Class XXV project and fundraiser

Changing the future of homeless young adults

Jillian Klym, Class XXV

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 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

Upcoming: April Alumni Lunch

Tawni Gama, Alumni Director

Save the date for our April alumni luncheon, Culinary Arts & Cookie Decorating

Date: Friday, April 22, 2020

Time: 11:45 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Layered Cake Artistry, 117 W. Kennewick Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

Cost: Lifetime Association Members, \$15; Annual Association Members, \$20; Non-Alumni Association members and Class XXV, \$25

For more information, contact [Tawni Gama](#)

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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e-mail completed nominations and/or questions to lrcwa.secretary@gmail.com or mail to Leadership Tri-Cities, PO Box 4660, Pasco, WA 99302

**Alumnus of the Year 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 lrcwa.communications@gmail.com.

Public Announcements / LTC Alumni and Supporter Submissions

Message from John Roach, Class XVII

As a member of Leadership Tri-Cities Class 17 and as the Project Manager of our class's project to help My Friends Place, I was awestruck by the impact that LTC has had on so many organizations in the community. Today, I am challenging each LTC class in history, going all the way back to Class 1, to come out of retirement *together with your old classmates*, and select a new project to support our community as we navigate these unprecedented times.

This time around, I propose each LTC class adopt one *small business* in the Tri-Cities who will struggle to stay open during this time. Use your creativity to help them stay open and thrive. Donate money, raise money, help them pivot their business model, help them create alliances that will sustain them during this time.

This is a fantastic reason to reconnect with your classmates anyway, which if you're anything like me is something you keep meaning to do but somehow never quite get around to doing. Please contact your LTC classmates and current board members through email, Facebook, by phone, or in person - and then run with it!

This was originally posted to Facebook, and approved for inclusion in this newsletter by John. This is a great call to action for LTC Alumni. Let's help each other through this uncertain time. - LTC Board

Fundraisers around town

You will notice the lack of fundraisers and events which are usually noted here. Unfortunately, many of the fundraisers and other events previously scheduled in March and April 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. As the call to action above notes, 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

Calendar

- April 15 - LTC Board Meeting
- April 22 - Arts & Culture Session Day
- April 22 - Alumni Lunch

[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 lctwa.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 by the 25th of each month for publication the following month.

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