

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 September newsletter, we will communicate with our alumni and supporters our plan for operations over the next year, as we all navigate through the challenges surrounding COVID-19. As you may be aware from our email dated May 21, Leadership Tri-Cities has decided to wait until the 2021-2022 year to facilitate Class XXVI. We feel this is optimal in order to better understand the "new normal" and to better provide Class XXVI with the experience all previous classes have enjoyed. If you missed the email, a copy of it can be found here.

Our Board of Directors will take the next year to engage with our alumni, sponsors, and community leaders to refine our focus on addressing our community's needs. With over 25 community service projects to our credit, we know Leadership Tri-Cities has already made a huge impact on non-profits, service organizations, and residents in our community. Now more than ever, we want to reconnect with and mobilize our alumni in serving the Tri-Cities. The challenges of this pandemic give us an opportunity and a call to action for community members who proudly call themselves graduates of Leadership Tri-Cities. In this month's newsletter, you will find the following:

- Message from the Board
- Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXV Graduation
- Class XXV Update and project information
- Alumni News & 25th Year Anniversary Celebration
- 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 lrcwa.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

Alumni project, new board members

LTC Alumni Call to Action:

When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. The impact and uncertainty of COVID prompted Leadership Tri-Cities to table Class XVI to 2021. However, without a class, we have an unprecedented opportunity. For years, many of us have discussed rallying LTC alumni around a community project and owning that project as Leadership Tri-Cities. Now is the time for us to step up, mobilize, and meet our many challenges with coordinated action.

Leadership Tri-Cities now counts over 500 community leaders as graduates of our program. Now more than ever, we want to reconnect with and mobilize our alumni in serving the Tri-Cities. With over 25 community service projects to our credit, Leadership Tri-Cities has already made a huge impact for non-profits, service organizations, and residents in our community. Without an incoming class, we look to all of us-- the alumni—to accomplish service project 26.

This is our call to action for community members who proudly call themselves graduates of Leadership Tri-Cities. The Board would like to create an LTC alumni project (or two) and execute the project(s) like a class project. Interested alumni will join as a project team to solicit needs, select a worthy cause, and plan and execute the project to serve the community need. We envision project teams of 15 – 20 individuals, and if the response allows, we can create a second team to address another need.

If you are interested in participating in an LTC alumni project this year, please indicate your interest by September 25. Please email lrcwa.communications@gmail.com.

We eagerly look forward to improving our community as collaborative catalysts for positive change,

Thank you.

Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors

Leadership Tri-Cities Board of Directors and open positions (open positions are highlighted)

Executive Board:

Chairman: Rick Redden, Class XVII

Vice Chair: Justin Raffa, Class XIX

Class Director (Class XXVI): Kyle Cox, Class XV

Alumni Development: Tawni Gama, Class XXII

Alumni Development Elect: Application pending

Treasurer: Jennifer Mitchell, Class XVI

Secretary: Leslie Streeter, Class XVIII

At Large Directors

Leadership Development Director: Spain Abney, Class XX

Leadership Development Director Elect (shadow): Michael Peterson, Class XXV

Communications Director: Jenni Harper, Class XXII

Communications Director-Elect (Shadow): Application pending

Sponsorships Director: John McCoy, Class XVI

Events Director: Heather Lee, Class XXII

Class Director Elect Applications being accepted.

Session Directors

Agriculture Director: Justin Toner, Class XXI

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

Arts & Culture Director: Justin Raffa, Class XIX

Economic Development Director: Shauna Sanders, Class III

Education Director: Alyssa St. Hilaire, Class XVIII
Education Director Elect (Shadow): Jennifer Behrends, Class XXV
Hanford Site Director, Patti Jones, Class XXIV
Human Needs & Services Director: Michelle DeGooyer, Class XXIV
Law & Justice Director: Tom Reich, Class I
Local & State Government Director: Jamie Arevalo, Class XXI

Local & State Government Director Elect (Shadow): Applications pending

Medical & Health Services Director: Kirk Williamson, Class I

Medical & Health Services Director Elect (Shadow): Applications being accepted

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

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SELF-NOMINATION FORM

More information on open positions

Please consider applying to serve on the board for one of the open positions listed above. Current board members are available to discuss the position, responsibilities and commitment level. If you have questions on specific positions, please reach out to the following board members to learn more:

Class Director Elect / Shadow: Kyle Cox

Medical & Health Services Director Shadow: Kirk Williamson

Leadership Tri-Cities' 25th Anniversary

2020 marks the 25th graduating class of Leadership Tri-Cities, and the 25th anniversary of Class I's graduation. Graduation will be held September 9, however due to current social distancing guidelines we are not able to conduct our regular large gathering for graduation. We are planning a large alumni celebration in the Spring of 2021. Please continue to watch your inboxes, our website and Facebook page for more information on the event.



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Board and Alumni News and Events

Alumnus of the Year



Moses Jaraysi, Class VI has been selected as the Leadership Tri-Cities 2020 Alumnus of the Year. Moses was nominated for his commitment to numerous organizations in the Tri-Cities, in addition to Leadership Tri-Cities.

Moses has spent countless hours and games teaching his children, and the community's children, soccer as a coach for Tri-City Junior Soccer Association.

Moses has also been part of the musical group Sons of Thunder, which plays at churches, funerals, and homes for the elderly. The CBC Foundation has considered Moses to be a vital member of the foundation board for years, but especially as chair for the past two years. His positive attitude and ability to lead through change has been a huge asset to the organization.

Photo, Taray Jaraysi Kenning

He has served as a mentor to other board members and is often the first to speak up in support of a new initiative to help students. Under Moses' leadership, the CBC Foundation has expanded their fundraising to support the college at unprecedented levels.

Moses has served on numerous boards, including Junior Achievement (2016-2018), Executive Advisor for Mid-Columbia Leadership Development Association, Academy of Children's Theatre (ACT) board, the CBC Foundation board for the past 12 years. Moses' service to Leadership Tri-Cities includes Hanford Session Director shadow, Hanford Session Director, Board Vice President, Board President-Elect, Board President, Class Director, and Past President.

Kyle Vierck, Class XIX Class President, had these words to share about Moses:

Moses is one of the finest human beings I have been fortunate enough to cross paths with and work alongside. His heart for people, his superb awareness of the situation, and his ability to provide firm, yet compassionate leadership is inspiring to every person he meets. My favorite story of his reveals his love for the teachings of his father, and his desire for growth and positive change in the world...he says, "My father once told me, 'A day in which you do not learn something new, or teach something of use, is a day wasted.'"

His wonderful spirit lifts people, organizations, and though he may not realize how wide the berth of his impact truly is, he is changing and lifting the world, every day. You could not ask for a finer leader. - Kyle Vierck, Class XIX President

Class XXV Graduation



Wednesday, September 9, Class XXV will finally be able to graduate Leadership Tri-Cities. The class faced several challenges this year, which not only tested their perseverance and drive, but also challenged the Leadership Tri-Cities board and session directors to develop new ways to provide quality content for the class while observing social distancing guidelines during COVID-19.

From Zoom class sessions to a virtual fundraiser and modified project tasks, Class XXV rolled with the punches. Regardless of the challenge, they persevered! Class XXV's project was to support [ANSIL "A New Start in Life"](#) by renovating critical classroom and common spaces in their facility. ANSIL provides shelter, services, support, training, and advocacy to individuals who are seeking to change the circumstances of their lives by learning the skills and training necessary to gain independence while being provided transitional housing. The age group of ANSIL's clients is late teen - therefore the initial fundraiser was going to be an in-person event focusing on the rite of passage of high school. Unfortunately, this was scheduled during the time most of us were getting our stay-at-home orders. The class re-grouped and adjusted their fundraising event to fully online, and still raised over \$18,000 to renovate and support ANSIL and their facility.

Even the project itself needed adjusting. Even with the small class size, there was no way that all class members would be able to meet at one time. Smaller working groups, a later start, and the general requirement that even all class meetings had to be held via social distancing provided the class with an experience unlike any other in the history of Leadership Tri-Cities. Please reach out to any of the class members you may know and congratulate and encourage them for a job well done!

Because we are still in only a modified Phase I in Benton County, the graduation event will also be a small, "drive-in" event this Wednesday, September 9.

Leadership Tri-Cities Class XXV Graduates:

Ivy Anderson, Kadlec
Jennifer Behrends, Kennewick School District
Deborah Burke, Richland School District
Michelle Coy, CHPRC
Ubalдина Creek, Communities in Schools
Michele Crowley, City of Pasco
Jessie Dietrich, Lamb Weston
Danielle Dunigan, Energy Northwest
Keeley Gant, Columbia Basin College
Gretchen Guerrero, Visit Tri-Cities

Elizabeth Hernandez Osorio, Columbia Basin College
Melissa Hess, Community in Action
Tom Kimball, Cisco Systems
Jillian Klym, Green2Go
Neilan McPartland, Numerica Credit Union
Michael Peterson, NE Technical Services (Class President)
Anneke Rachinski, CBC Foundation
Jill Raines, Lourdes
Bradley Sainsbury, Lifetime Dental Care
Eric Smith, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Dana Storms, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

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.

Alumni news

Class XX Alum provides encouragement in new book



Lisa Godwin, Class XX member and current women and children's director of the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, recently published "Dear ____, There's Hope on the Other Side," a compilation of encouraging letters directed towards the women in the shelter. KAPP/KVEW featured Godwin and the book in August, which can be accessed [here](#).

LTC Alum are encouraged to read and provide a review, which will help in ensuring the book is distributed to those who will benefit most from it.

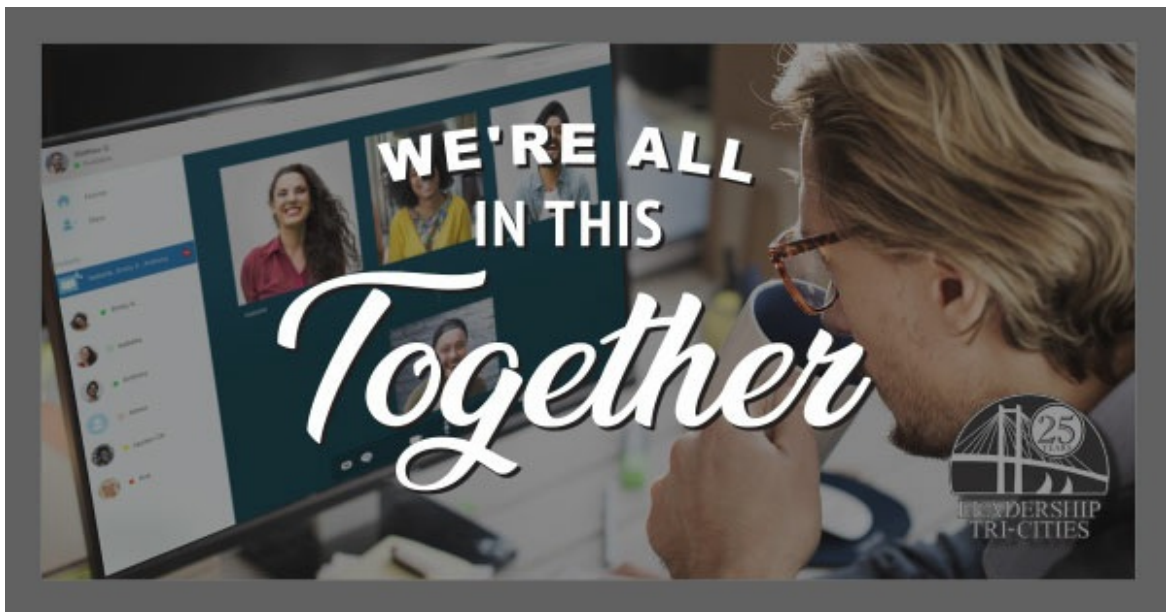
We mourn Ann Steiger, Class VI

Ann Steiger, LTC Class VI Alum, passed away from cancer on August 26. Ann was a fixture in downtown Kennewick and a ray of light to her customers. More importantly, she provided encouragement and mentorship to countless others, creating friendships while nurturing leaders in our community. Many of her friends and colleagues have so eloquently contributed their emotions on her passing. To truly understand the impact of Ann's impact in our community, please see her public Facebook page [here](#), and read this [tribute](#) from the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership.



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.

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.

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](#)

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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!

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