

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

Brandon Andersen, Communications Director Elect

We are excited to share our November newsletter with you. While we haven't published a newsletter since September, our Board of Directors has been hard at work behind the scenes working on our plan to strengthen our program over the coming months, as well as re-engage with our alumni and the community.

Our Board of Directors will take the next several months 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
- Alumni News & 25th Year Anniversary Celebration
- Community Resources

You will also notice a new name on this newsletter: Brandon Andersen. Brandon is our incoming Communications Director and will be updating the newsletter, website, and social media accounts going forward. Brandon is a graduate of Class XXIV and is excited to create and distribute content to you! Jenni will be transitioning to Alumni Director - please see below under Alumni News on how to ensure we keep in contact with you.

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

Alumni community service project, new board members

LTC Alumni Call to 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.

We are continuing to look for alumni to participate in an alumni project: If you are interested please [participate in this survey](#).

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: Jennifer Harper, Class XXII

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): Brandon Andersen, Class XXIV

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): Ricky Walsh, Class I
 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

We are hoping to plan a large alumni celebration in 2021. Please continue to watch your inboxes, our website and Facebook pages for more information on the event.



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 on **Facebook**

Alumni News and Events

Alumni engagement

As Leadership Tri-Cities has opted not to hold a class session for the 2020-2021 regular schedule, the board is instead focusing on strengthening our program to set us up for continued success in the future.

This year, we'd like to get to know our alumni better, and ensure we have the most up to date contact information for you - we realize people move, change jobs, or update their email addresses. Please take a moment to confirm and/or [update your contact information with this form](#).

Once you've completed the form, we will contact you to learn more about how Leadership Tri-Cities impacted your life, how you've impacted your community, and find out what types of programs and information you'd like to get from Leadership Tri-Cities.

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.

Jenni Harper, Alumni Director

Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business 2020 Young Professionals

Each year the Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business selects the area's top Young Professionals in its September issue. Each year, we are pleased to see Leadership Tri-Cities alum selected, and this year is no exception with four of our graduates having been named. Click through the links to read more!

[Tri-Cities Area Journal of Business 2020 Young Professionals](#)

[Elizabeth McLaughlin, Class XXI](#)

[Neilan McPartland, Class XXV](#)

[Tracy Spooner, Class XXIV](#)

[Justin Toner, Class XXI](#)

Congratulations to Liz, Neilan, Tracy & Justin!

Class XXV graduates!

This year's graduation was a bit unconventional due to social distancing guidelines, but the class was still able to celebrate and be recognized by the board. Susan Coleman, Class XXV director, and a few other board members, were able to travel to each class member's residence or work and present them with their plaque, a graduation sign, and other celebratory items.

This year's class learned how to lead through adversity. Not only did they successfully navigate the second half of their class year virtually, they also executed a very successful virtual fundraiser and completed their class project while observing the state's guidelines for safe work during COVID-19. Congratulations to Class XXV, our newest alumni!

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, CBC
Gretchen Guerrero, Visit Tri-Cities
Elizabeth Hernandez Osorio, CBC
Melissa Hess, Community in Action
Tom Kimball, Cisco Systems
Jillian Klym, Green2Go
Neilan McPartland, Numerica Credit Union
Michael Peterson, NE Technical Services
Anneke Rachinski, CBC Foundation
Bradley Sainsbury, Lifetime Dental Care
Eric Smith, PNNL
Dana Storms, PNNL

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

Resources



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 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!

The LTC Connection is compiled and distributed monthly by the board of directors. Send submissions to Brandon Andersen at ltcwa.communications@gmail.com by the 25th of each month for publication the following month.

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