

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, Alumni Director

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Our Board of Directors has taken the past 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 the pandemic gave 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
- Class XXVI application information
- Alumni Service Project - opportunities to volunteer
- Alumni engagement opportunity

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 ltcwa.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 Alumni Association is leading an LTC alumni project and is executing the project like a class project. The project team selected a worthy cause, and is planning and executing the project to serve the community need. Read on to learn more about this project and the organization we are supporting.

We eagerly look forward to improving our community as collaborative catalysts for positive change. Please read below for more information on our alumni project.

Thank you.

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Leadership Tri-Cities' 25th Anniversary

We are still planning a large alumni celebration, although the date is fluid pending COVID restrictions. Please continue to watch your inboxes, our website and Facebook pages for more information on the event.



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Applications open for Class XXVI

We are now accepting applications for Class 26. The application window for Class XXVI is open from April 1 – May 15, 2021. More information and a link to the application can be found here: <http://leadershiptricity.com/apply/>

After a year "off" without a class, we are excited to get back to doing what we do best - developing and educating skilled leaders to be catalysts for positive change in our community.

We are hoping to reach more applicants than ever. Please share with anyone who may be an aspiring leader, or who is an established leader who needs to plug in to Tri-Cities, or even those that don't know yet what their leadership potential truly is!

If you or a potential applicant has any questions about the process once they've reviewed the materials, please contact Kyle Cox, Class XXVI Class Director, at kcox@midcolumbialibraries.org.

Alumni News and Events

Alumni Community Service Project

The Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni Association project team has selected its 2021 Alumni Community Service Project, and is calling on alumni for help.

Therapeutic Riding of Tri-Cities (TROT) is the grantee for our project. The project team will design and build a sensory riding course for the non-profit, based in Kennewick.

There are many ways you can participate. It would be amazing if we could get all the classes involved - or better yet - team up with your classmates and make it a competition to see who really has the BEST CLASS EVER!

- **DESIGN:** Once TROT provides us with their vision for the individual stations, we will work with Alumni "teams" to develop designs and materials lists. If you would like to

be assigned to a design team, or have a group of alumni (your classmates would make great team-members) who want to work on an individual station as a team, contact us at lrcwa.alumni@gmail.com and indicate you'd like to work on the design. We'll contact you with more information.

- We need **volunteers!** Many hands make light work. We need volunteers to assist with building and installing the stations. Please let us know if you'd like to participate. There's plenty to do - from clearing out the area, pulling weeds, building stations, painting, nailing, cutting, you name it! If you're willing, we'll put you to work. Contact lrcwa.alumni@gmail.com, express your interest, and one of the project team's volunteer coordinators will contact you. **There is one work day already on the schedule for Saturday, March 20 at 9 a.m.; we'll be prepping the area for the stations by pulling weeds, moving fence panels, etc. Please review the information below on this work party.**
- **Buy your way out!** If you would like to contribute but don't have the time or capacity to work on the project, you can still donate to the cause. We need to purchase materials to complete the project. Donations are being accepted at <https://www.trot3cities.org/general-donations/>. Please indicate your donation by selecting, "LTC Alumni Project".

Please take a look at this informational flyer about the project [here](#) and watch this [video](#) about TROT.

We're very excited about this project and we look forward to connecting with our fellow Leadership Tri-Cities Alumni.

Share with your class members!

Thank you.

LTC Alumni Project Team



March 20 Work Party

We have an immediate need for volunteers this coming Saturday, March 20, 2021 to prep the area where the sensory riding course will be installed. If you are interested, please contact lrcwa.alumni@gmail.com and our volunteer coordinators will reach out to you.

Information for 3/20/21 work party:

- The address is 104 E. 41st Place, Kennewick, WA 99337
- Work is scheduled from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m.
- Please arrive promptly at 9 a.m.; we will be conducting a pre-job brief for all volunteers
- Water and restroom facilities are available. Please bring a reusable water bottle to fill (eliminates plastic waste)
- Please be sure to wear proper personal protective equipment: Closed-toed shoes, long pants, sunscreen, gloves, hats

- Volunteers will wear masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed
- If you are able to bring any tools, please let us know: rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.
- Please be sure to contact ltcwa.alumni@gmail.com no later than Thursday, March 18 so we know how many volunteers to expect, and if you are bringing any additional help

LTC Alumni Project Team

Alumni Engagement Committee

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.

Additionally, we're assembling an alumni engagement committee. We need to learn more about what the alumni needs are - do you want more networking? More social engagement? Alumni only content on our website? Access to your classmates? If this sounds like something you'd like to work on, please let us know. We are developing a committee that will meet 1-2 times per month over the next few months to develop an alumni engagement plan. Please email ltcwa.alumni@gmail.com by April 1 if you are interested in participating.

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.

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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 ltcwa.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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