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A Message from the President

Pat DeVries, Class of 1987

Welcome to the new year of Leadership Spokane! I was a member of the class of 87 and have been involved off and on since then. After a couple of years on the Board, I was asked to serve as President.

I am excited about the challenges of the year ahead. As a Board, we are charged with making the Alumni Association a valuable tool and critical resource. You will be interested to know that after our first Board meeting this fall, we've determined that all graduates of Leadership Spokane are automatically members of the Alumni Association; consequently, we've suspended the membership fee.

We are focused on great communication with alumni via continual improvement to the website and current contact information for every graduate. We'll continue to keep everyone abreast of upcoming

events, volunteer opportunities and other news. The membership committee is working on a strategic plan to embrace all graduates, assist them in moving ahead with their servant leadership roles, and involve them in supporting the organization.

We're looking at how the Alumni Association can leverage the large pool of Leadership Spokane graduates, involve them in leadership opportunities, maintain a strong tie to the program and their class mates, and most importantly, utilize graduates to provide the needed leadership in our region.

As many of us that have gone through the program have commented, the year of training is fantastic and the high quality sessions each month have provided us with community insight that is not otherwise available. How do we continue that magic? The next step is the Alumni Association. It is what we make of it,



and I ask all of you to help me and the Leadership Spokane team amplify the value in the training and connections provided by this very unique program.

I am always available and open to your ideas and assistance. You can contact me by phone at 509.455.9405 or that other thing called email @ patrick@devriesinc.com

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Evening With Series, 5 to 7 PM

27 Nov., "Shots Fired," workplace safety, MAC
 10 Dec., General Manager Patricia Iron, Fox Theater
 26 Feb., TBA
 25 Mar., "Losotho Sojourn," Pia Hansen, Barrister Winery
 22 Apr., "It Ain't the Pot You Grew Up With," Daybreak Youth Svcs.
 27 May, "Energy for Tomorrow," Doug Kelley (Avista)

call 459.4116 to register



2007 Graduates Bryce Wilkinson and Alison Zecha with emcee Susanna Baylon, Class of 2001.



Sam Baynes, Central Valley HS, YLS Class Graduation Speaker

Workforce Training & Business Needs

by Donald Cypher

The 2007 Leadership Spokane Education Scan Team studied the question, "How Can Workforce Training Be Aligned with Business Needs in our Region?"

Team members Mike Mires, SCC; Scott Duncan, Webster University; Phyllis Best, Buck Knives; Alison Zecha, Coach AZ; Patrick Clarry, SHMC; Donald Cypher, Sterling Savings; and John Emerson, Avista, were particularly motivated by a letter of no confidence directed to North Idaho College's Board of Trustees.

The focal point of the group's discussions and research was the Skill Panel Report put out by the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce in October of 2005. This was a valuable resource addressing specific topics that the team had previously discussed as

major issues for our community.

On December 1st, 2006, the Scan Team presented their research to the Leadership Spokane class. Included in the presentation was a panel discussion involving Lisa White (Director of Career & Technical Education, Spokane Schools, Class of 1995), Michael Senske (President & CEO, Pearson Packaging Systems, Class of 2000), Steve Hanson (President of Spokane Community College), and Mike Marzetta (President of AL-TEK).

On July 20th, 2007 the Scan Team made a brief presentation to the Manufacturers' Roundtable with the following findings:

1. The workforce is changing, moving from a traditional to an emergent workforce.
2. Local businesses and individuals

from education are collaborating by contributing their time and money.

3. Tours of businesses by students seem to be working to show students and teachers the opportunities that are available.

4. The 2007 Leadership Spokane Class felt that the most valuable recommendation that our Scan Team made on this topic was to teach basic employment skills.

Recommendations:

1. Keep focused on the October 2005 Skill Panel Study recommendations; they are still valid.
2. Maintain sustained action and track progress of the skill panel recommendations.
3. Do more of what's working well: Student Tours, for example.
4. Enable this through central facilitation.

Youth Leadership Class of 2008

Central Valley High School

Greg Boggs

Kegan Cunningham

East Valley High School

Brianna Eckersley

Ferris High School

Meilani Atacador

Katharine Witter

Freeman High School

Kyleigh Kosanke

Gonzaga Preparatory Academy

Kari Gosline

Lewis and Clark High School

Erik Aden

Logan Amstadter

Laura Black

Claire Browning

Sarah Crowley

Laine Hamacher

Rylee Johnson

Cheney High School

Meghan Kelly

Desiree Winters

Mead High School

Regan Farmer

Donald Smith

North Central High School

Lauren Morse

River City Leadership Academy

Rachel Cox

University High School

Alexis Obenchain

Alexandra DeVries

Class Notes

Career Moves

John H. Guin (2003) has opened his own firm, the Law Offices of John H. Guin, PLLC. **Debra Tanner Sidor** (2007) has accepted a position at Pierce Community College, Tacoma. **John Serben** (2004) is Business Development Manager for AMR Spokane. **Michelle Whittingham** (2001) has accepted a position at the University of California, Santa Cruz. **Christy Burmeister-Smith**, past Leadership Spokane Board of Directors, has been promoted to Vice President & Controller at Avista. **Shayne Goff** (2004) is General Manager for Wendle Motors. **Jordan E. Clark**, (YLS 2004) is an Orientation Leader at Northeastern University where he's a senior.

Nichole Alberg (YLS 2002) is District Executive for Boy Scouts of America. **Jinny M. Piskel** (2007) has been promoted to Director of Graduate Business Programs at Gonzaga. **Patty Kilcup** (1989) is at Quisenberry Marketing & Design. **Drew MacAfee**, past Leadership Spokane Board of Directors, has joined Mercer. **Brian Spraggins** (2006) SCC, is enrolled in WSU's higher education administration graduate program. **Tom Weldon** (2007) has opened his own business, Better Bed and Back.

Everything I've learned and will learn in the future is a leadership tool. And rather than keep my life lessons to myself, I share them with those I am leading. Marty Dickinson, Class of 2004; President, Downtown Spokane Partnership, from *Spokane Business Catalyst*.

Servant Leaders

Kristine Ruggles (2008), Vanessa Behan, is President of DOVIA. **Jason Alvarado** (2007), Hey Cats! Web Design, is running for Cheney City Council Position 2; **Robert Douthitt** (1987), Lukins & Annis, is running for Spokane School Board Position 2; **Kitara McClure** (2008), SCC, is running for Position 1. **Kaarin Appel**, WSU, (2004), serves on the Spokane Regional Marketing Communications Association. **Kim Plese** (1995), PIP Printing, is President of the Spokane Chapter of Executive Women International. **Tom Blue**, (2005), Wells Fargo Insurance Services, serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board. **Yvonne Lopez-Morton**, Leadership Spokane Board of Directors, has been nominated by the Governor to chair the Washington State Human Rights Commission. **Kerry Wiltzius** (2005), MS Society of Eastern Washington, is President of Inland Northwest Development Council; **Lorna Walsh** (2005), MAC, is Secretary and **Paul Oleniacz** (2004), INBC, is Past President. **Cindy McMullen** (1986), attorney, is past president of Washington State School District Association and serves on the board of GetLit! Young Writers Program. **Carol McVicker** (2000), SCC, is President-Elect of the Trustees for the Association of Community and Technical Colleges. She also serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for Community Colleges of Spokane. **Chad Burchard** (2002), National

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City Mortgage, is VP for Financial Development for the Boys & Girls Club Board; **Brian Murray** (2002), Keller Williams Realty, and **Matt Nielsen** (2002), *The Spokesman-Review*, also serve on that board. **Katy Bruya** (2005), Washington Trust Bank, is President of CampFire. **Thomas "Nick" Fairchild** (2005), Spokane Urology, has been named to the board of Inland Northwest Health Services. **Marilyn Cooley** (2006), Fidelity Associates, volunteers with the Ronald McDonald House and Make-A-Wish. **Ryan Gee** (2000), Gee Motors, and **Michael Senske** (2000), Pearson Packaging, are chairing the YMCA/YWCA capital campaign. **Angela Ruff** (2006), Gonzaga, and **Lorna Walsh** (2005, MAC, have been elected to the board of the St. Joseph Family Center.

Awards, etc.

Alethea McCann (2007), Spherion, was named Performance Forum winner by Fort Lauderdale, FL-based Spherion Corp. **Ron Hardin** (1983) and **Robin Waller** (2006), SNAP, accepted the 2007 AGORA Award on behalf of SNAP. **Larry Soehren** (1989), Kiemle & Hagood, accepted the 2007 AGORA Award on behalf of Kiemle & Hagood. Congratulations to **Matt Gibson** (2006), Spokane PFD, for his team's outstanding performance in "Spokane is Spelling." Other Leadership Spokane spelling nerds are **Barb Richardson, Marlene Feist, Sally Robinette, & Linda Finney.**

Graduation Awards

Distinguished Leadership Awards to **Joanne Benham**, (1993) City of Spokane Youth Department, and **Jordan Clark** (YLS 2004), Northeastern University. YLS Community Leadership Trustee Award to **Dr. Brian Benzel**, Superintendent, Spokane Public Schools. Community Trustee Leadership Award to **Dr. Anthony Bonanzino**, (1992) Hollister-Stier. Business Trustee Leadership Award to **Northern Quest Casino & the Kalispel Tribe of Indians**. Non-Profit Trustee Leadership Award to **Christ Clinic**. Small Business Trustee Leadership Award to **Susan and Ira Amstadter**, (2000), Express Personnel Services. Leadership Spokane Board of Directors Award to **Barb Beddor and Toby Steward, Star USA**

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Welcome, New Leadership Staff!

Rene Woeckener (Marketing & Events) & Sergey Shelyagovich (Alumni Association), student interns from Gonzaga University



Youth Leadership Summit The Keys to Diversity

3 November 2007
WSU Spokane Riverpoint
Academic Center Auditorium

Come join a dynamic group of eastern Washington & northern Idaho high school students and learn about diversity within our communities. Activities include keynote speakers, fun breakout sessions & keys to unlock the doors that limit understanding.

Registration 9 AM; program starts at 10 AM, concludes at 4:15. Cost is \$15/\$20 at the door. To register, visit the website at www.LeadershipSpokane.org or call 459.4116.



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Opportunities for Education, Volunteering & Having Fun

Educational Resources

Leadership Connection: The Leader's Guide to Success: Understanding Credibility & Likeability, featuring Michael Lovas & Pam Holloway. 7 November, 7:30 to 8:45 AM; breakfast served at 7 AM. CenterStage, 1017 W First Ave. \$25/\$9 students. If you want people to listen to you, believe you, or do what you say, credibility and likeability are the keys to your success! Register at www.gonzaga.edu/cc. Leadership Connection is a program of Leadership Spokane, Gonzaga University and Whitworth University.

Attention, Youth: The National League of Cities has a web page for youth involved in their local governments. Read about what youth are doing around the country, or send in your own blog. http://www.nlc.org/iycf/networks_assistance/7164.cfm.

Leadership Opportunities

Starlight, Starbright Children's Foundation is seeking Spokane Leadership Council members for fundraising events and PR. The foundation helps seriously ill children and families cope with pain and fear through family activities. Contact Susan Faltermeyer at 474.2820 or susan@starlight-washington.org. **DSHS's Foster Care Educational Committee in support of foster youth is looking for committee members** to assist in finding solutions and support positive outcomes for youth involved

Leadership Spokane Alumni Association builds and fosters a legacy of leadership in the Spokane area and the Inland Northwest to effectively strengthen our communities. The Association supports the Leadership Programs and provides a forum for continuing alumni advocacy.

Leadership Spokane prepares and encourages a diverse group of community members to assume trustee leader roles for the purpose of building effective communities throughout the greater Spokane area.

Youth Leadership Spokane (YLS) prepares and encourages a diverse group of Spokane County high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to assume trustee leader roles for the purpose of committed involvement and responsible participation in the future of our community.

Leadership Spokane is an affiliate of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, a Gold Member of the Community Leadership Association, and a partner in Spokane's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

in the foster care system. Contact Valerie T. Marshall, (Class of 1996), DSHS, at 363-3320. **Second Harvest is ready to help you take action against hunger** in our community. Contact Julie Moyer-Nesbitt, Volunteer Program Manager, for information about volunteering at 252. 6242 or jnesbitt@2-harvest.org. Or, see the new website tool at www.2-harvest.org. It's easy to get involved!

Partners in Crime Prevention is seeking board members. PICP works closely with law enforcement to prevent crime in our community via several programs, with the most visible being Secret Witness. PICP's successful model has led to solving many crimes in our area. Contact Pat DeVries, (Class of 1987), DeVries Information Management at 455.9405 or patrick@devriesinc.com or visit the website www.partnersincrimeprevention.com

Theatre Arts for Children is seeking Board members and other non-board positions: Artistic Director, Audition Coordinator and Website Design. Contact Ken Boles at jollyrogger@comcast.net.

Washington State Board & Commissions has many opportunities on its over 200 boards and commissions. Visit <http://governor.wa.gov>. Click "Get Involved."

The City of Spokane is seeking residents who would like to help determine how to spend a portion of the funds raised by the Tax Increment Financing district of the Kendall Yards project. Interested individuals should complete a board & commission application form

(on city's website) and submit it to the Mayor's Office by 30 Nov.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Inland Northwest has expressed interest in moving from their current location. If you know of a suitable location—they need about 3000 square feet of office space and accessible parking—please contact Darin Christensen, CEO, at 509-328-8312.

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery's "I Give for Kids" campaign is asking for your help. The Nursery provides safe shelter and care for children. Donate at the website <http://www.vanessabehan.org/sub.aspx?id=603> or by contacting Carol Haugen, attorney (Class of 2005) at virtualcounsel@aol.com

Events by Date

7 November, Executive Welcome. Spokane welcomes new leaders! Jundt Museum, Gonzaga campus. 4:30-6:30 PM, complimentary wine, soft drinks & hors d'oeuvres. RVSP to Nancy Vanni at 624.1393.

8 November, Children's Literary Benefit for Spokane and Coeur d'Alene Reading is Fundamental programs at Holiday Inn Express. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres at 5:30 PM; silent auction at 6:30. Contact Brendan Genter (Class of 2008), Holiday Inn Express, at 328.8505.

10 November, Olive Crest presents One Life at a Time dinner & auction. Doubletree, 5:30 PM. Contact Carol Plischke at 468.0700 or carolplischke@olivecrest.org.