

The Servant Leader

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MEET THE ADULT CLASS OF 2009

We are proud to introduce to you the Class of 2009. **Julie Albright**, SRHD; **Pete Banaugh**, Sterling Savings Bank; **Sherry Barrett**, Communities in Schools; **Kris Becker**, Sacred Heart Medical Center; **Bonnie Bell**, Northwestern Mu-

tual Financial; **Judy Benson**, Empire Health; **Stephanie Brady**, Itron; **Sylvia Brown**, PEMCO Insurance; **Bryan Bussard**, Inland NW Trails Council; **Rob Butterfield**, Sterling Savings Bank; **Shane Comer**, Community Frameworks; **Sharon Cowan**, Community Colleges of Spokane; **Brady Crook**, Washington State University; **Kevin Davis**, Inland Empire Paper Co.; **Cassie Devaney**, AAA Washington; **Linda Elkin**, US

Bank; **Tracy Ellis-Ward**, Sports Leadership Ministries; **Brandon Ferris**, St. George's School; **John Francisco**, Inland Power & Light; **Karene Garlich-Loman**, Tomlinson Black South; **Mike Gonzalez**, KXLY Broadcast Group; **Bruce Howard**, Avista Utilities; **Kathleen Huggins**, Sterling Savings Bank; **Dalene Kerey**, Spokane Co. Sheriff Dept.; **Gary Knox**, Rockwood Clinic; **Susan Kuzma**, Washington Trust Bank; **Wendy LaMorte**, Group Health; **Laura Little**, Christian Youth Theatre; **Dawn Lindblom**, American Red Cross; **Rich Marll**, Itron; **Ann McAlister**, Camp Fire; **Kathie Neller-moe**, community volunteer;

The only safe ship in a storm is leadership.
- Faye Wattleton

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Linda T. Finney
Executive Director



Adult class retreat at Lutherhaven 11 and 12 Sept.

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A Message from the Chair *Allen Battle, Class of 2006*



For the last 13 years, I have been an entrepreneur here in Spokane.

During that time, I have had the privilege of being around graduates of the Leadership Spokane program (a lot of the time not even knowing it.) One thing that all of them

had in common was this sort of magical way of sharing their time and resources to help make connections to expand my vision. It was only within the last couple of years since being involved with the program that I was able to look back and see that these people have made it a natural part of their lives to be a servant leader. As I look at the make-up of a number of these classes, I see that a lot of the members

are in sales, business and community development, marketing and the like.

One aspect of being part of such a wonderful organization is that we are always being there for one another to help you further your careers, no matter what career you are in. The number one rule in business is, "it's all about relationships." Leadership Spokane, as we all know is the epitome of relationships. So get engaged with the Alumni Association and rest

Are you getting the full use of your Alumni Association?

assured that if you ever need any type of connection here in this wonderful community of ours, it is more than likely just a phone call away.



Dawn Lindblom, American Red Cross, (2009) at Unity in the Community on 16 August (above)



Adult Class of 2009 on their retreat at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene. (above, below)



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Brady Peterson, Lukins & Annis, P.S.; **Scott Reed**, Pearson Packaging Systems; **Alli Riese**, Gonzaga University; **Lisa Saddler**, AscendA; **Steve Salvatori**, Salvatori-Scott, Inc.; **Erik Samuelson**, Bethlehem Lutheran Church; **Sara Sexton-Johnson**, Eastern Washington University; **Jason Swain**, Gonzaga University; **Story Tombari**, Banner Bank; **Kent Wales**, Mission Village Laundry; **Staci West**, Premera Blue Cross.

Welcome to the Youth Class of 2009

Central Valley High School: Michaela Cowger, Rachel White. **Joel E. Ferris High School:** Laurel Graham, Grace Lorenz, Megan Tackes. **Havermale High School:** Schuyler Dornbirer. **Gonzaga Preparatory School:** Mackenzie Smith, Melanie Weigand, Elaine Whaley. **Lewis & Clark High School:** Pilar Alfaro, Blake Bekken, Morgan Black, Ashley Burke, Jesse Doran, Michelle Duskey, Taylor Eglet, Brynn Hand, Julia Kernerman, Daniel Olds, Tyler Rigsby, McKenzie Schnell, Devon Waggoner, Geoff Waller, David Waples, Zach Williams. **Mt. Spokane High School:** Derrick Cunningham. **North Central High School:** Amber Turner. **Rogers High School:** Kayla Schmitt. **Shadle Park High School:** Erik Johnson.

Good news—we've completed our hiring process for interns for fall & have a great team on board—all juniors at Gonzaga University!

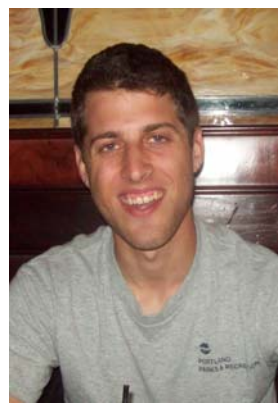
Meredith Coleman, who worked with us this summer as Alumni Association Intern, is returning. Meredith has a double major in sociology and journalism. Her key responsibilities are the *Servant Leader*, alumni album project, assistance with website and financial processes.



Events Intern. She's majoring in political science, with a French minor and is studying for the LSAT. Her primary responsibility will be events; right now her focus is on the Executive Welcome and the Leadership Connection series.



Nick Rischiotto is a Marketing & Events Intern. He is majoring in history. His key responsibilities are operations and vendor support, particularly as we go forward with our



new branding/logo/ and marketing campaign. Watch for news on this project!

We are also pleased to announce that **Sonja Carlson** has been promoted to Executive Assistant/Program Coordinator.

Michael Lemieux is a Marketing & Events Intern. He's working on a business degree, with a focus in marketing & international business, minor in French. His key responsibilities are board support, constituent surveys, and class directory projects.



Katie Moore is a Marketing &

The interns are available via their new phone extension: 509.459.4127. Please join us in welcoming new staff and congratulating Sonja on her promotion!

CLASS NOTES

Send your updates to lfinner@leadershipspokane.org

Career moves

Deb Brady (2004) is Director of Employee Benefit Services Operations at Associated Industries. **Joyce M. Cameron** (1986) is Executive Director of the Sacred Heart Children's Foundation in addition to her role as Executive Director of the Sacred Heart Foundation. She has a combined staff and now will work with two Boards of Directors at two separate foundations. **Tiyanika Keller** is HIV Services Program Manager for the Arkansas Department of Health. **Laurel Kelly** (2006) is Health Education

Coordinator at EWU. **Shawn Mitchell** (2005) is at Spokane Community College. In addition to his work at BDO Seidman, **Mike Patrick** (2005) is now an adjunct accounting professor for Gonzaga University. **Anna Scarlett** (2008)

is Corporate Communications Manager for Avista. **Marci Sonnenberg** (YLS 1999) is Community and Volunteer Coordinator for Transitions. **Brian Spraggins** (2006) is Associate Dean for the Director of Diversity Admission Pro-

grams at Gonzaga University. **Cheryl Steele** (1993) has taken a new position at Airway Heights Corrections Center as a Classification Counselor 2.

Rayette Sterling (2004) is Outreach to Special Populations Librarian at EWU. **Mary Lou Thomas** (2001) has been promoted to Vice President of Operations for Triumph Systems Group. **Lisa Wigen** (2008) has been promoted to Manager of Group Accounts at Premera Blue Cross.

As of our next issue, the Servant Leader will be accepting advertising from alumni and current donors.

Contact Executive Director Linda Finney for details regarding size and pricing.

Servant Leaders

Pam Lake (2008), Group Health Cooperative, serves on the board of the Community Colleges of Spokane Foundation. **Chris Patterson** (2008), Breakthrough Inc., serves on the board for the Spokane District 81 Foundation and the Board for Spokane Public Schools Foundation. **Angela Ruff** (2006), Gonzaga University, serves on the board for St. Joseph's Family Center. **David Werme** (2008), moloney + o'neill, Payne serves on the Board of Directors for SNAP.

Awards, etc.

Kyleigh Kosanke (YLS 2008), Freeman High School, received the Freeman's Community Service Award for logging over 500 volunteer hours in the Emergency Room at Valley Hospital & Medical Center.

Education Resources

Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership begins 15 October, with 6 sessions of training that will equip you for board service. This program is a project of Leadership Spokane, Gonzaga, United Way, Inland Northwest Community Foundation, and Avista. To



Avista Gas Rodeo Team, including Tim Mair (2008), competing in the pipe cut (Photo courtesy of Tim Mair)

registers, contact Angela Ruff (2006) at ruff@gonzaga.edu or 313.3572.

Science on Tap brings scientists from a wide array of disciplines to talk about their work, answer questions and discuss opinions in this informal setting. Spokane Science on Tap will begin in October at the Steam Plant Grill and the Sandpoint Science Café will launch in November at the Panhandle Bank Building. Contact Laurie Hassell (2008) at 208.699.6240 or lhassell@nwabr.org.

Leadership Opportunities

Christopher Zilar (2006) is traveling to Rwanda in March, and is looking for people to serve as board members for the 501.c.3 organization associated with his trip. Contact Christopher at czilar@spokaneconomy.org or 324-1538.

Eastern State Hospital seeks board members. It is a gubernatorial appointment for a set term of four years. Apply at www.governor.wa.gov and click on constituent services. Contact Sheila Collins at 329.2882 or sheila.collins@gov.wa.gov.

Project Move seeks members for its mentoring team. Spend four hours a month making a positive difference in a youth's life. Contact Kerry Whitsitt, Outreach Specialist, at 209.2856 or kerryw@community-minded.org. **Rotary 21 Spokane Youth Service Committee** needs help finding suitable projects to channel donated money into for youth. To submit a project, visit www.rotaryspokane.com or contact Ira Amstadter (2000) at ira.amstadter@expresspersonnel.com.

The Spokane AIDS Network is in need of board members. Contact the current board president Paul Tiesse at paultiesse@msn.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Non-Profit Board Development Workshop Series

Programs for new board members on fundamentals of effective governance covering these topics:
 October 15th - Vision ~ Mission & Roles and Responsibilities
 October 22nd - Resource Development
 October 29th - Program Evaluation
 November 5th - Legal
 November 12th - Finance
 November 19th - Implementing Change

Programs every Wednesday starting 15 October until 19 November

Time: Breakfast at 7:30, Sessions 8:00-10:00 AM
Location: Schoenberg 201, Gonzaga University Campus
Price: \$299/series or \$59/session

This series is hosted by the Excellence in Non-Profit Leadership partners, which are Gonzaga University, Spokane County United Way, Leadership Spokane, and the Inland Northwest Community Foundation.

For more information or to register please visit:
www.gonzaga.edu/ce



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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 Greater Spokane, Incorporated, a Gold Member of the Community Leadership Association, and a partner in Spokane's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

EVENTS, BY DATE

17 – 19 October: Spokane Bioneers satellite conference at Spokane Falls Community College featuring river attorney, Rick Eichstaedt. More information is available at www.sustainspokane.org.

22 October: Leadership Connection “Getting Results: The Kaizen Way” session featuring Robert Maurer, PhD. 7:30 – 8:45 AM at the Spokane Masonic Center. \$25/adults, \$9/college students. Contact Linda Finney (lfinney@leadershipspokane.org) or visit www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipconnection.

23 October: “One in Three” Communities in Schools event at the Lincoln Center. Keynote speaker Art Jackson, Costco Vice President. Hors d’oeuvres and wines served. RSVP by 15 October. No cost; donations accepted. Contact invite@ciisspokane.org

23 October: World Affairs Council “Where Journalism is Going and How We Protect Its Values” moderated by Gil Klein, National Press Club, and a panel of leading journalists in Spokane. 7:00 PM at Riverpoint Campus, Academic Center, Room 20. Free. Contact Kathleen at kathleen@wacspokane.org.

24 October: Daybreak’s Community Challenge Gala at the Davenport Hotel. Social hour/silent auction from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. Contact Gina at 434.6921 or gmaggio@daybreakinfo.org.

27 October: Gonzaga University School of Law Annual Luvera Lecture featuring Stephen Lewis, named by *Time* magazine in 2006 as one of the 100 most influential people. 5:00

PM in the GU School of Law Barbieri Courtroom. Free. Contact Nancy Fike (1990) at 313-3605 or nfike@lawschool.gonzaga.edu.

27 – 31 October: 40-Hour Basic & Family Mediation Training offered by Northwest Mediation Center at the Community Building. \$595/person. Contact 456-0103 or www.nwmediationcenter.com.

29 October: World Affairs Council “Champions and Revolutionaries: Critical Ingredients for Ending Global Poverty.” 7:30 PM at Whitworth University Music Recital Hall. \$5/ members, \$10/non-members, students free. Contact Kathleen at kathleen@wacspokane.org.

13 November: Leadership Spokane Executive Welcome will be held at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Contact Linda Finney (lfinney@leadershipspokane.org) with referrals or to attend.

15 November: Make a Wish Foundation Black and White Gala 5:30 PM – midnight at the Red Lion Hotel at the Park. Cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner, program and live auction, dancing. Black and white formal attire required. \$100/person. Contact Jillian

Bell at jillian@northwestwishes.org or 459.2618.

20 November: Leadership Connection “Managing Difficult Conversations at Work” featuring Laura Asbell, PhD, and Lunell Haught, PhD. 7:30 – 8:45 AM at the Spokane Masonic Center. \$25/adults, \$9/college students. Contact Linda Finney (lfinney@leadershipspokane.org) or visit www.gonzaga.edu/leadershipconnection.



Youth Leadership Spokane Class of 2009 retreat at WSU Spokane (above)

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