# Leadership Spokane

We Deliver Dedicated Leaders

### Annual Report 2018-2019



The Leadership Spokane Legacy Society builds and fosters a legacy of leadership in the Spokane area and the Inland Northwest to effectively strengthen our communities. The Society will support the Leadership Programs and provide a forum for continuing alumni advocacy.

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### Mission and Vision

# OUR MISSION

Deliver dedicated leaders that collaborate in order to grow an active and diverse network that serves and strengthens our communities.

# OUR VISION

Inspire diverse individuals to become empowered leaders and lifelong trustees for a stronger Spokane.



# Mission Results

110 Leadership Training Hours	88 Engaged Leaders	<b>1,600</b> Service Hours



"Leadership Spokane provides the unique opportunity to connect with other community-minded individuals and learn from some of the most dynamic business leaders in our region." - Adam Jackson, Class of 2019, Mountain West Bank

# Looking Ahead to 2020

- 1) Improve Sponsorship Opportunities
- 2) Long-term Financial Stability
- 3) Keep Momentum Going
- 4) Recruiting 2021





### Year in Review

## Adult Leadership

The Adult Class of 2019 was another one for the books. The class was enthusiastic, inventive, and energetic on all fronts. We had an unparalleled number of tour opportunities— holding onto old favorites and adding new options alike.

We witnessed the beauty and majesty of the Spokane County Courthouse, the power of the Kaiser Aluminum plant, and the education and healing taking place at the New Leaf Bakery.

The curriculum, tours, and overall experience resulted in an exciting and highly competitive recruiting season with another bumper crop of brilliant, talented applicants to consider for the Leadership Spokane Class of 2020.



# Youth Leadership

The Youth Leadership Class of 2019 experienced another year of great success. The 31 young people, selected from an unprecedented large number of applications, showed our future is in good hands.

They continuously impressed and surprised our honorable guest speakers with the breadth of their insightful questions. For the second year in a row, all 31 students successfully completed the program, making our total graduate count reach well over 600 graduates.

The group was comprised of great geographic diversity to include students from Freeman, Central Valley, Cheney, St. George's, and many more. They effectively worked together on several community service projects benefitting organizations like the Salvation Army, Blessings under the Bridge and Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery. We are excited to see what these Spokane youths have in store for the future of this community!

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# Message from the Executive Director

The Leadership Spokane staff and Board of Directors had a very dynamic year during the 2018-2019 fiscal cycle. Board Chair, Todd Woodard, and I had the pleasure of meeting with 8 members of the Classes of 1983, '84, and '85. They were kind enough to join the Class of 2019 on Governance Day to share their wisdom, humor and reflections on their Leadership Spokane experience. These inspiring, talented individuals built the Spokane of today and it was an honor to have them join the class, even for just a few hours.

We kicked off our year with an energizing retreat at Camp Lutherhaven for our group of 54 students. The retreat was facilitated by our esteemed graduate from the Class of 2009, Jason Swain (Symbio) and his colleague, Chris Wheatley (Numerica). They volunteered their time, talent, and treasures to plan a retreat like no other. Day Two ended with the group tackling a high-and-low ropes course showcasing their strength, determination, and teamwork. This group demonstrated their leadership abilities by challenging themselves and supporting each other immediately upon the start of our activities.

We then proceeded into some excellent monthly sessions

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filled with local subject matter experts, learning about our fabulous community, skill-building, and getting to know classmates. The students split into five groups to offer their skills, knowledge, and experience in community service projects which benefitted Morning Star Boys Ranch, KSPS, American Red Cross, Mobius, Girls on the Run, and Spark. The January 2019 Gala brought in \$34,000.00 in sponsorships - an unparalleled gala effort. It was a high-energy evening with the addition of several games and a dash for delectable desserts! The magnificent alumni and community members who attended had a fun-filled evening connecting with friends and colleagues.

The class selection for 2020 was particularly exciting because we received another large group of applications. The process has become quite competitive, reminding many of the early days of Leadership Spokane when individuals would often apply multiple times in the hopes of becoming part of this prestigious program. The result was a 54-person class of exceptional adult candidates for 2020. Furthermore, the youth class has 31 participants, many of whom have parents or siblings who are alumni of Leadership Spokane programs. We consider this the greatest compliment and we cannot wait to get to know the youth at their retreat in August.

As we begin another year, our staff has actively engaged in a significant amount of reflection on our 37-year history in the city of Spokane - formerly known as The Inland Empire. Spokane is enjoying another truly exceptional time in history, and everywhere you look, the 1,378 Leadership Spokane graduates are involved in the exciting things happening in our region. We have another magnificent adventure ahead and we cannot wait to get started!

- Jaxon Riley