

2019

yearbook

Preparing Community Leaders



“The only way for a community to be a better place to live and work is for its citizens to understand and accept their personal responsibility for what happens.”

—Hans Neukomm



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It is the mission of Leadership Corvallis to provide a broad experience to engaged participants on how the community functions, and to prepare them through education and inspiration to actively shape the destiny of our area.

VISION

To promote a dynamic, empowered community by preparing citizens for active participation and leadership.

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LEADERSHIP CORVALLIS

Dear graduates,

On behalf of our board of directors and the more than 600 graduates who have gone before you, congratulations on completing the Leadership Corvallis program. We welcome you to a distinguished group of individuals. As alumni, you are poised to begin or continue your involvement in making this a thriving community.

As Maya Angelou said, "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." All that you have experienced over the course of 10 months – the panels, tours, history, games and discussions – was designed to be a window into the interconnected issues, challenges and opportunities in Corvallis. I hope you use this insight to reflect, ask questions, take action and "do better" with whatever aligns with your interest and passions.

You all entered the program from different walks of life and in different stages in your career, but all united with a common desire to effect change in your spheres of influence. This diversity of thought and perspective was perhaps one of the most valuable pieces to your Leadership Corvallis experience. Remember your classmates and those you met along your journey as they will be important resources whom you can call upon in the future.

I hope that you will carry forward what you have learned, remain engaged with Leadership Corvallis and create opportunities for others who come after you. Thank you for your commitment to the program and your community.

Congratulations to the best class ever!

Sincerely,

Laura Shields
Class of 2013
President, Board of Directors

Program Sessions

Day 1: Welcome Community Leaders

Meeting at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, this day focused on building relationships between participants, learning about Leadership Corvallis and being introduced to the competency model of community leadership. Welcomed by the mayor, we learned about the curriculum for the year and introduced alumni coaching and the community service project. During a walking tour of downtown, we explored the history of Corvallis and ended the day at a reception with Leadership Corvallis alumni.

Day 2: Government and Public Services

Starting at the Madison Avenue meeting room and ending at the City Council Chambers, this day focused on helping class members become active, knowledgeable participants in local government. A tour of the jail, a round table with department heads and a budget exercise helped class members understand local government services.

Day 3: Economic Vitality

Meeting at the Oregon State Credit Union with field trips to 4 Spirits Distillery and ATAMI, this day focused on helping participants develop a deeper understanding of the various factors that impact the economy. The day's activities focused on the importance of a diverse and healthy economic base to our region.

Day 4: Human Services

Human Services day was held at the amazing Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis and the Department of Human Services. This day focused on preparing participants as local leaders to recognize and reinforce existing safety net services in our community and inspire them to utilize their time and talents to create additional ladders out of poverty for our most vulnerable residents.

Day 5: Health Care

Meeting at the Corvallis Clinic, Oregon State University and Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, this day focused on the changing face of the health care industry. The health care industry is rapidly changing to adjust to government policies and to better serve patients. Class participants learned what measures are already in place and those that are in progress to help care for patients, and how collaboration can lead to a healthier community.

Day 6: Education

Learning about the impacts of educational systems for a variety of diverse learners and how we as community leaders can get involved, participants got a historical view of education and access in Oregon through conversations with Oregon State University, Linn-Benton Community College and Corvallis School District leaders before taking a tour of Lincoln Elementary School, led in Spanish and English by current students, then touring College Hill, Corvallis' innovative alternative high school. This day engaged class members in a behind-the-scenes look at the celebrations and challenges of education in the 21st century.

Day 7: Community by Design

Meeting at the Tunison Community Room, this day focused on helping participants understand the different layers that go into creating a functioning, vibrant community, including the role of community involvement, thoughtful land use planning and code enforcement. A tour of Coho Ecovillage and playing the Futures game were some highlights of the day.

Day 8: Arts

This day focused on understanding the value of arts and culture to the social, economic, mental and physical health of Corvallis. With visits and tours to The Arts Center, The Majestic Theatre, DiMaggio's Pizza, Darkside Cinema and the Whiteside Theatre, class members saw firsthand how arts are contributing to a vibrant Corvallis. Fine, performing, independent, classic, contemporary, fringe, risqué...these are all ways to describe the types of art the class explored throughout the day.

Day 9: Natural Resources

The changing landscape of Benton County was this day's theme, where participants went out into the county and learned how to build consensus as a leadership skill. Starting at the Sunset Building and featuring visits to Stahlbush Island Farms, Gathering Together Farms, Crestmont Land Trust and the OSU Urban Horticulture site, the day demonstrated the value of natural resource industries to the economy, environment and social well-being of Benton County, and the tradeoffs and aligned actions (consensus) that are required to make this work for all.

Day 10: Better Together

Held at the LBCC Benton Center, this day focused on the community leadership insights class members uncovered as they reflected on their year's program. The class also delved into the challenges and rewards of working on nonprofit boards and discussed ways to assess volunteer opportunities.

Special Thanks

Leadership Corvallis and the Class of 2019 gratefully acknowledge and recognize the following people and organizations for their support that made the Leadership Corvallis program a successful, memorable and beneficial experience. We also thank all of the speakers who contributed their time, expertise and insights to enhance our understanding of Corvallis, Benton County and the surrounding areas.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS/LOCATIONS

4 Spirits Distillery
509J School District Catering
ATAMI
Benton County Corrections Division
Benton County Courthouse
Benton County Natural Areas & Parks
Block 15 Taproom
Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis
Coho Ecovillage
College Hill
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
Corvallis City Council Chambers
Corvallis Parks and Recreation
Corvallis School District Office
Crestmont Land Trust
Darkside Cinema
DiMaggio's Pizza
Gathering Together Farms
Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
LBCC Benton Center
Lincoln Elementary School
Madison Avenue Meeting Room
Majestic Theatre
Oregon Department of Human Services
Oregon State Credit Union
Oregon State University
OSU Urban Horticulture Site
Stahlbush Island Farms
Sunset Building
The Corvallis Arts Center
The Corvallis Clinic
Tunison Community Room
Visual People Design
Whiteside Theatre

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Kenny Lowe
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Jennifer Edwards
Jacqueline Rochefort

Survey/Evaluations: Justene Malosh
Logistics/Class Host: Ben Danley

10 SKILLS AND TRAITS OF THE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER

- Builds a shared vision
- Brings people together
- Solves problems in groups
- Manages conflict
- Guides action
- Optimistic
- Curious and inquisitive
- Influential
- Adaptable
- Resilient



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HANS NEUKOMM AWARD

The Leadership Corvallis class of 2004 recognized the importance of celebrating the service and accomplishment in Leadership Corvallis alumni who had returned to the community with fresh perspective and passion, and used those qualities to continue to make a difference. Thus, the class created and awarded the first annual Hans Neukomm Leadership Award.

In naming the award after Hans Neukomm, the founder of Leadership Corvallis, the class felt that he epitomized the qualities of leadership expressed by the award. In that spirit, each year Leadership Corvallis will recognize a Leadership Corvallis graduate who has made significant contributions to the community.

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