



2021

YEARBOOK

"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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Preparing Community Leaders



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MISSION

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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Dear Leadership Corvallis Class of 2021,

As the first all virtual class in the history of Leadership Corvallis, I am deeply impressed by how well all of you adjusted to the consistent uncertainty this year has thrown at us. There were bumps along the way, but because of the dedication of all of you we have had one of the “best classes ever!”

It takes strength to rally around your community during a time when so much is unsettled. It takes courage to commit to leadership when so much is in flux. You have done these things in what was likely the most unpredictable year of our lives.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, committee members and many, many volunteers who have poured energy into this program year, thank you. We thank you for your resilience, flexibility and leadership in a time that is critical for your families, our community and our organization.

As we look ahead, I encourage you to use your experience in this year’s Leadership Corvallis program as a springboard to become leaders within our community. Our sessions were designed for you to move forward with confidence in leading your community. The needs of our community remain the same: support from our local leaders, innovation to meet unique needs and compassion as we serve.

Our community is resilient, and only as strong as those who support it. We need thriving businesses, accessible health care, educational opportunities, thoughtful development, secure social services and beauty in the community we call home. From each of our class sessions, I hope you began to understand the complexity and interconnected nature of the services, efforts and causes within our community.

No Leadership Corvallis class experience compares to yours. As the program draws to a close, I encourage you to take time to reflect upon all that you’ve learned. Which community pillars could truly use your commitment, passion and unique perspective? How can you transform your talents into service to ensure that the critical and unique offerings in Corvallis remain here for years to come? I can think of no group of individuals more prepared to answer these questions with personal action.

I commend you, Class of 2021: The Best Class Ever!

In Leadership Together,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Hans Neukomm". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Hans Neukomm, Jr.
Class of 2012
President, Board of Directors

Program Sessions

Day 1: Welcome Community Leaders

"The Best Class Ever" kicked off this year's Leadership Corvallis program via Zoom for the first time. The session was focused on participants getting to know each other and learning about the program. We heard about the City's "Imagine Corvallis 2040" visioning document from Ed Junkins, Sev Williams and Heather Stevens. And Rev. Jill McAllister led a great discussion about the evolving skills needed for being a community leader.

Day 2: Government and Public Services

The class developed an understanding of how public services from municipal agencies such as the City of Corvallis and Benton County form the bedrock of our community. The class learned about how the community invests in municipal services through taxes, fees and other funding sources. Finally, the class took a deep dive into the nationwide discussion on community policing with a livability and public safety panel.

Day 3: Human Services

Human Services Day began with the class learning about human services in Corvallis and community action agencies. The class then took part in a group activity called "Privilege for Sale." The day ended with the class learning about strengthening the community through volunteering and civic engagement.

Day 4: Economic Vitality

This month's program started with talks about exploring economic vitality and the state of the economy in Corvallis and Benton County. The class then heard two panel discussions, one focused on shopping locally and the other on small business innovations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Day 5: Health Care

Health Care Day focused on relationships with health, health care and wellness; interpreting health as an experience greater than sick care and illness, particularly during a global pandemic; and learning about mental health supports, programs and practices. The class heard presentations about health care systems in the community, how the community is responding to COVID-19 and mental health programs in the community. The class also undertook a narrative medicine exercise that asked the question: What could or should health look like in a community?

Day 6: Education

On Education Day, the class learned to recognize leadership traits needed to lead an organization through a change; experienced and learned about changing expectations; and began to rethink what normal means in education. The class heard from a panel of education leaders about how they are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including how the Black Lives Matter movement played out in different educational settings. The class also heard from a panel of students about what it is like learning during the pandemic.

Day 7: Community by Design

The class gained an understanding of the different layers that go into creating a functioning, vibrant community, including the importance of community involvement, thoughtful land use planning and long-term visioning. The class learned how land use planning and community outcomes are intertwined and how successful community projects are structured in Corvallis. The class also covered potential hurdles that might arise in community development; how community planning decisions impact health, safety, equity and livability; and how social and physical design influence a community.

Day 8: Arts

Arts Day explored what “art” is in our community and how different art forms enrich our lives. The day focused on four large arts organizations that facilitate opportunities to engage all members of our community. The arts were one of the hardest-hit industries around the world during the pandemic, but because artists are resilient and creative, community organizations have hung on and are adapting to the future. The session challenged the class to explore opportunities to engage in art that may confront perceptions and the status quo.

Day 9: Natural Resources Day

The class learned about the range of natural resource industries in Benton County, their value to the economy and the tradeoffs and aligned action that is required to make natural resources work for all. Representatives from the City of Corvallis, Benton County and Oregon State University Extension, as well as winery owners, a family farmer and filmmaker, presented to the class.

Day 10: Better Together

This session wrapped up the year with time for reflection and celebration. Participants reflected on what they learned during the year, heard from a panel of Leadership Corvallis alumni, and considered the next steps they might take to help us all be Better Together. In lieu of a traditional graduation ceremony, the group received graduation gift boxes and celebrated remotely.

DAY LEADS

Carolyn Ashton
Rebecca Badger
Melissa Carter-Goodrum
Jennifer Edwards
Amy Lesan
Kenny Lowe
Daniel McKenna-Foster
Stacy Mellem
Christine Mosbaugh
Lili’a Neville
Kate Porsche
Jacqueline Rochefort
Patrick Rollens
Donna Schmitz
Daniel Sidder
Heather Stevens
Rachael Weber
Rebecka Weinstein

10 SKILLS AND TRAITS OF THE EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY LEADER

Skills:

- Builds a Shared Vision
- Brings People Together
- Solves Problems in Groups
- Manages Conflict
- Guides Action

Traits:

- Optimistic
- Curious and Inquisitive
- Influential
- Adaptable
- Resilient

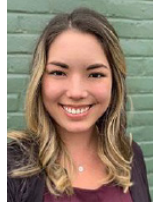


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Katrina Pearson
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Bill Heck
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Lucy Noone
Vickie Nunnemaker
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Kay Reynolds
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Clint Hilton
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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.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2004: Julie Jones Manning (1993)
2005: Scott Zimbrick (1993)
2006: Pete Bober (1993)
2007: Susan Poole (1994)
2008: Biff Traber (2004)
2009: Penny York (2001)
2010: Kavinda Arthenayake (2004)
2011: David M. Hamby (2006)
2012: Ben Danley (2002)
2013: Rick DeBellis (2007)
2014: Helen Higgins (2008)
2015: Mike Corwin (1999)
2016: Mark Kalmar (2010)
2017: Curtis Wright (2007)
2018: Jennifer Moreland (2017)
2019: Rebecca Badger (2012)
2020: Lorena Reynolds (2005)
2021: Judy Corwin (1999)

Thank you to the Class of 2021 for being such great leaders, especially amid a worldwide pandemic and our first entirely virtual year. We can't wait until we're able to get this group together in person. Cheers to the "Best Class Ever."



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