



Leadership Clark County 2015 Annual Report

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Riverview Community Bank is proud to support Leadership Clark County (LCC), an organization dedicated to developing effective leaders. Our sponsorship of this program means more to us than just supporting LCC from a financial perspective.



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At Riverview, commitment to the community is part of who we are. It's a quality our employee-owners exemplify on a daily basis, regularly contributing personal time to more than 150 local organizations. And it's that exact reason why we are so proud to sponsor this program, honoring Leadership Clark County's Class of 2015.

Each of today's graduates has made the conscious choice to step up to leadership, demonstrating their sincerest commitment to improving life in our region. Now graduates of the LCC program, members of this group will continue to chart the course, driving change that will impact Southwest Washington for many years to come. As we look to the exemplary individuals that make up the Class of 2015, we are reminded not only of their capabilities as leaders and their willingness to serve, but also of the growing potential of our region as a whole. We thank you, Class of 2015, for your hard work, dedication and commitment to the future of this great community. Congratulations on your achievement!

Kim J. Capeloto
 Executive Vice President
 Riverview Community Bank

About Leadership Clark County

Leadership Clark County (LCC) was founded in 1993 to develop effective community leaders to serve Clark County.

LCC brings together talented individuals from the business, government and nonprofit sectors. LCC then challenges them to increase their knowledge of Clark County, enhance their leadership skills and deepen their community engagement. The nine-month curriculum combines site tours with presentations and group discussions. As part of the LCC experience, each team pairs with one or more community partners to help meet a specific need. Please read on for this year's highlights.

Who can join LCC?

Enrollment is open to adults who live or work in Clark, Multnomah and Washington counties and serve, or plan to serve, as community leaders. LCC students come from a variety of professions and range from recent college graduates to retirees.

How to Apply

Please see leadershipclarkcounty.com for details. All applicants must complete an interview and commit to serving in the community; early enrollees receive priority consideration.

A Word from our Chair



On behalf of the Leadership Clark County Board of Directors, I congratulate the 2015 class for successfully completing the program. In many respects, we are celebrating the completion of but one phase of what for many will be a lifelong quest to contribute to the health, strength and livability of the communities in which we live, work and play. As was true for the classes preceding this group, these graduates started the program already leaders in their various areas, and after nine months, they graduate as stronger community leaders, ready to make more meaningful contributions and better follow their passions.

As Clark County's premier community leadership organization, LCC has seen more than 650 leaders complete the program over 22 years. Whether from the nonprofit, public or private sectors, from small organizations or large, whether carrying the wisdom of years of experience or just beginning a lifetime of learning, whether conservative or liberal, whether at a pinnacle in a chosen field or entering a new field, it is the diversity of experiences, opinions and approaches that make LCC such a strong force in molding and strengthening the leaders our community needs for today and for the years to come.

I applaud the members of the class we celebrate today for their passion, their perseverance and their commitment to shaping and leading our community toward a brighter, stronger and more vibrant future.

Sincerely,
 Sharif Burdzik
 LCC Board Chair

Interested in joining,
 sponsoring or finding out
 more about LCC?



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(l-r) Kristopher Fay, Blake Merritt, Michael Fish, Eric Swanson, Ryan Tinney, Brian Pelky, Marsha Fraser (Birkman Facilitator), Martha Ketcham, Teri White, Lindsay Fisher, Charmaine Lighthouse, Jennifer Small, Joy Lyons, Jennifer Konopasek, Jared Hidden, Margaret Milem, Elizabeth Scott, Molly Filbin, Angie Holden, Tim Cook, Bob Sable, Eddie White, Ben Campbell, Julie Rawls, Mike Pond, Toby Lucich, Jim Miller, Marianne Bentz Kalbasky, Steve Rusk. Photo courtesy of Marianne Bentz Kalbasky.

LCC Class of 2015 Community Projects

Clark County Food Bank

The Clark County Food Bank team designed and developed a durable display for community events, a permanent display for the food bank facility and a brochure. The displays and brochures will help educate individuals about hunger and its historic roots in our community. (Pictured l-r: Rick Torres, Jennifer Small, Eric Swanson, Margaret Milem, Lindsay Fisher, Steve Rusk)



West Vancouver for Youth

A nonprofit organization aimed at educating and preventing underage drinking, West Vancouver for Youth asked the team to assist in developing a foundational message and flyer using their seven core principals. The team will conduct listening sessions and surveys with parents, business owners and neighborhood associations to test the campaign message. (Pictured l-r: Julie Rawls, Blake Merritt, Marianne Bentz Kalbaskey, Jared Hidden)



Habitat for Humanity

To identify barriers to affordable housing in Clark County and creative ways to overcome those barriers, the Habitat for Humanity team interviewed community partners and agencies and analyzed the research and data to create a report for Habitat for Humanity that can be used to assist housing efforts in Clark County. (Pictured l-r: Charmaine Lighthead, Ben Campbell, Mike Pond, Eddie White, Martha Ketcham)



Vancouver Parks Foundation

The team was tasked with designing and implementing an "Adopt a Park Day" that the Vancouver Parks Foundation can hold as an annual event. The team brought in additional community partners: Clark College Foundation helped in selection of the park location, Jane Weber Evergreen Arboretum, and the Evergreen School district recruited children and families to volunteer at the event. (Pictured l-r: Jennifer Konopasek, Brian Pelky, Terri White, Bob Sable, Elizabeth Scott)



Vancouver Mural Society

In conjunction with the City of Vancouver, the Vancouver Mural Society team helped develop a policy to facilitate painting of City-owned utility boxes. They also created a theme, helped recruit local artists and assisted with the selection process to complete the first round of paintings. (Pictured l-r: Ryan Tinney, Jeff Miller, Joy Lyons, Erica Marchbank)



Lifeline Connections

Lifeline Connections is a substance abuse and mental health treatment center with inpatient and outpatient services. The team interviewed alumni and their families to provide tangible resources that can be used to educate key community members and assist in future fundraising activities. The team recorded the interviews and created a book of short stories in hopes of decreasing the stigma associated with drug and alcohol addiction. (Pictured l-r: Melissa Edwards, Tim Cook, Angie Holden, Molly Filbin, Toby Lucich)



Accomplished & Under 40

2014 Highlight – Partnering with the *Vancouver Business Journal* for “Accomplished & Under 40”

Five LCC alumni from the classes of 2011, 2013 and 2014 were among those honored at the “Accomplished & Under 40” awards. LCC is proud to be a community partner of this annual event sponsored by the *Vancouver Business Journal*.



Photo courtesy of the *Vancouver Business Journal*.

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LCC Board (l to r) back row: Dee Memering, Katy Myers, Michele Holen, Darcy Altizer, Carol Davis, Shane Gardner, Jeff Groff, Kelly Love, Matt Herring, Julia Maglione, Jim Mains, Linda Reid, Jason Beatty, Dave Cole. Front (l to r): Phil Haberthur, Tina Krause, Sharif Burdzik, Michelle Giovannozzi, Mike True. Not pictured: Dominique Merriweather

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Donate – Visit www.leadershipclarkcounty.com and click the blue “donate” button to make online donations.

Join the Leadership Circle – Make monthly contributions to LCC and help develop the next generation of Clark County leaders.

Support Scholarships – LCC's needs-based and diversity scholarships enable qualified candidates to participate in the program, ensuring a diversity of experience, points of view and backgrounds.

Be a Sponsor – Sponsor class sessions, meals or be a site host.

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