

LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Dec 1 st	Class of 2017 Application Deadline https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/program-information
January 18 th and 19 th	Class of 2017 Retreat at Conception Abbey
January 31 st and February 1 st	Great Northwest Day at the Capitol http://www.greatnorthwestday.com
February 16 th	Class of 2017 Meeting in Cameron at the YMCA
March 16 th	Class of 2017 Meeting in Albany at Northwest Medical Center
April 20 th	Class of 2017 Meeting in Trenton at NCMC - Ketcham Community Center – Sugg Conference Room
May 18 th	Class of 2017 Meeting in Marceline at the Walsworth Community Center
June 15 th	Class of 2017 Meeting at MOERA, Mozingo Lake
June 29 th	Graduation for the Class of 2017, St. Joseph, Location TBD
July 20 th	Class of 2017 Project Retreat in Jamesport at the A.V. Spillman Event Center
	Note: information on all class sessions can be found on the website at: https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/program-information

Meet our President Ben White:

Ben is the Assistant Director at Main Street Chillicothe. "I earned my degree in Historic Preservation from Southeast Missouri State in 2014 and graduated with Academic Distinction. I am pursuing my Master in Public Administration at the University of Illinois-Springfield and will graduate in May 2018. My passion is in community development, and it is my goal to work for a city government as a city manager or city administrator."



Message to LNWMO Alumni from Bob Bush, Class of 2001...

In the last ten years, Northwest Missouri has taken on a new image of innovation including a 'Boot Strap' effort to reinvent the future for the region and for its citizens. I have had an interesting experience watching the changes and self-generated leadership that is emerging from Northwest Missouri. Note, my observations are as one looking in from outside the region!

The success of such organizations as Leadership Northwest Missouri, Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation, Great Northwest Day at the Capitol, North Central Missouri Business Facilitation and Healthy Communities to name a few, have opened the door to opportunities and possibilities for the region's growth and rich diversity. What about continued growth and development in the future? That issue is now at a major crossroads!!!

That is where every citizen living in the nineteen-county region comes to the table and participates! Bottom line, if the regional citizens don't take a leadership role by encouraging young participants to learn about and represent the region, the future is extremely limited for every citizen regardless of his/her age, profession or station in life. The future becomes limited and fruitless unless we each get involved to do our part.

What is needed right now are young adults (20 to 50 years of age) who live in the region and who are capable and willing to make a contribution to their region's shared future! How is that done? Simply think of the young people living in your county or portion of the region who can and should be reaching out to their community with leadership and connectivity with Northwest Missouri Regional Citizens. One way to accomplish this objective is to become a participant in Leadership Northwest Missouri and to remain active as alumni.

If you have such a person in mind and wish to nominate him/her contact Deb Powers at debpowers@gmail.com. You might also take the time to have a chat with your nominee to indicate the value he/she is to your county and/or region and the need for their leadership in the current shared-future.

Your nomination will have an impact on the Northwest Missouri Region for years to come!

Sincerely,
Bob Bush

We now have a mechanism in place to accept **donations** on our website.

<http://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/donate>

Your donation to the program would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those of you that have submitted a donation through this link. We want to be able to continue providing scholarships as needed and to maintain and grow the program. Thank you in advance for your consideration of a donation.

Our hope is to grow our **sponsorships**. **We are asking you, as alumni, to reach out to any business you feel might be willing to help sponsor this program.** Again, we want to sustain this program for many years to come. We have sponsorship commitments from the following so far: Farmers State Bank, Mosaic Life Care, Northwest Missouri State University and the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce.

Leadership Northwest Missouri is signed up as a charitable organization that can obtain donations through Amazon.com. It is very simple and many people order through Amazon.com. We may as well try to get a percentage back for LNWMO.

How does my organization receive the donations?

Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. Donations will be transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. To account for Product returns, a portion of the quarterly donations will be withheld until the next donation cycle, subject to any reduction due to returns from prior quarters.

How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. This link will take people directly to smile.amazon.com in support of your organization so they won't have to search for your charity among almost a million other organizations. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1907168>. Please sign up if you are an Amazon user. I have posted this to the website on the "donate" page at: <http://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/donate>. We advocate shopping locally, but sometimes we can't find items we need in our hometowns. Amazon is used by many for online ordering. Every little bit helps LNWMO.

If you are a member of **Thrivent Financial** - you know that you have "Choice Dollars" you can donate to an organization of your choosing, provided the organization has been approved by Thrivent. Leadership Northwest Missouri is signed up as a recipient organization so LNWMO can accept these funds from members and we were approved. Yeah! Don't miss the opportunity to recommend where Thrivent Financial should distribute some of its charitable outreach funds. If you are a Thrivent member you may now select Leadership Northwest Missouri to receive your Choice Dollars - if you choose.

Next Leadership Northwest Missouri Board meeting will take place via conference call on December 8, 2016.



Check out this cool video
highlighting our Leadership
Northwest Missouri Class of 2016.
<https://youtu.be/Na2P4S1c2TU>

Note: This is the first of what will be a quarterly publication for Leadership Northwest Missouri Alumni. Contact Julie Cobb, Editor, if you have anything you would like to submit for the next issue coming out in February. julie.cobb@redcross.org