

AROUND THE NORTHWEST

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Our Mission: We build, strengthen,
and inspire leaders through
training and networking
experiences.

Our Vision: We envision thriving
communities and dynamic leaders.

Our Values:

L-Lead

N-Network

W-Worth

M-Motivate

O-Opportunities



LNWMO CLASS OF 2023

Introduction



The 23rd class of Leadership Northwest Missouri is shown during its recent opening retreat at Conception Abbey in Conception, Missouri.



Class members shown from front to back, left to right are:

First row: Lee Ann Blazer, Laura Almquist, Shawna Dye

Second row: Becky Vandevender, Alexander Murray, Jenna Keyes

Third row: RaCail King, Kerry Savage, Melissa Williamson

Fourth row: Sarah Williamson, Ian Myers, Machele Skinner

Fifth row: Lisa Colson, April Wood, John Nab

Sixth row: Chad Howerton, Carrie Watkins, Brooke Vette, Kelsi Meyer

Seventh row: Jeffrey Martin, DeAnn Davison, Cole Soptic

Back row: Adam Summers, Kamron Woodring

LNWMO CLASS OF 2023

January Retreat



"What an amazing experience! Meeting my classmates and sharing experiences with them was truly something so special – you truly come as strangers and leave as family.

I look forward to being able to see everyone each month, catch up and continue to grow and share."

Carrie Watkins, Buchanan County



"LNWMO was such an amazing experience.

Not only do you get to learn more about leadership and yourself, you get to meet a group of amazing people. Deb, Tim, the Board, and most importantly your class. You immediately form a new family upon walking into the doors, a family that will be sure to last a life time. I highly recommend this opportunity to anyone."

Cole Soptic, Grundy County



MUSIC JAM

September 2, 2023



Special Shoutout!

Thank you
Shane
Lynch and
the Music
Jam

Committee
(Marcia
Cox, Ashley
Putnam,
Tammy
Sparks, &
Jenna
Stevens)
for putting
on this
fantastic
event for
the 3rd
year!

We are so excited to announce that the Leadership Northwest Music Jam fundraiser will be happening for the third year in a row at Black Silo Winery in Trenton! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 2, which also happens to be Alumni weekend in Trenton.

Just like past years, all proceeds from this event will benefit the Leadership Northwest Missouri program. More event information will be announced soon!

SAVE THE DATE



SEPTEMBER 2, 2023
BLACK SILO WINERY
TRENTON, MO

Leadership Northwest
Music Jam

PRESENTED BY
WRIGHT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL &
HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

Proceeds benefit the Leadership Northwest Missouri Program

TAKE THE LEAP

June 2, 2023

Leadership Northwest Missouri will host the second annual Take the LEAP event for high school students on June 2, 2023 at the East Hills Library (502 N Woodbine Rd. St. Joseph, MO). The event is to foster leadership in high school students through Leadership Northwest Missouri mission and values! Keep an eye out for additional announcements!



GREAT NORTHWEST DAY

2023



The event began with the group introduction to the House followed by a luncheon where Governor Mike Parson addressed the delegation. The afternoon consisted of an introduction to the Senate, a regional roundtable session to discuss priorities, and legislative visits. During the evening event, we welcomed 10 Senators, 89 Representatives and over 75 department members and staff. The event wrapped up with breakfast where we heard from the Office of Broadband with updates regarding grants and projects.

Deb Powers, Executive Director of LNWMO, attended Great Northwest Day at the Capitol as a representative of LNWMO. Great Northwest Day at the Capitol was a regional effort that began in 2003 to influence legislation that will benefit all of Northwest Missouri. Class members from the classes of 2001, 2002, and 2003 were involved with the creation of this initiative.

Check out the [Facebook](#) page for some great photos of the event!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Updates

Board Members

- Courtney Jimenez—President
- Jennifer Jarvis—Secretary
- Deborah Borchers—Treasurer
- Dr. Kristen Alley
- Matt Barry
- Melissa Birdsell
- Marcus Casady
- Julie Cobb
- Lesley Delaney
- Randy Mendenhall
- Heather Nicholas
- Kendra Pickering
- Deb Powers—Executive Director



Upcoming Meetings

- April 13, 2023 4-5pm Zoom
- May 11, 2023 4-5pm Zoom
- June 15, 2023 4-5pm Zoom
- July 20, 2023 1-5pm TBD

Committee Updates

- Fundraising— Currently exploring various grant opportunities
- Alumni— Creating social media campaign to engage with alumni
- Marketing— Looking to re-energize the LNWMO logo

LEADERSHIP

is a two-way street.
Respect
for one's
superiors;
care for
one's crew.

– Grace Hopper

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Spotlight

Deborah Borchers—Treasurer

I work for the Social Welfare Board of the County of Buchanan. We are the oldest, continually operating free clinic in the United States. We have been in existence for 110 years. Our clinic provides medical, dental, and women's health services to the low income, uninsured population of Buchanan County. I have been with the Social Welfare Board for 10 years as CFO and COO. I was appointed as Executive Director on January 23 of this year. My favorite part of working at the clinic is the patients. It touches my heart when a patient tells me that we have provided the best care they have ever received or helped them when they didn't know where to turn. It is not unusual for a patient who has "gotten on their feet" to send us a donation to help others. Our patients are just so thankful for the help - you know you are making a difference in someone's life.

For fun, I like to sew, read, travel, and hang out with my daughters, that is when they will let me. Teenagers usually prefer to have their parents walk down the opposite side of the street!

My favorite part of LNWMO is all the people I have been fortunate to meet. I have met people from all over NWMO that I would never have met otherwise. When you encounter a problem in business, half the battle is finding the right person to give you an answer. LNWMO has provided me the network to find someone who either has the answer or is able to guide you to find the answer.

Fun facts - We have three dogs and a cat - Cuddles, a Shih Tzu; CoCo, a poodle, and Peanut, a mixed breed. Peanut is a rescue who belonged to my parents. When they passed, I took her as I wasn't about to send her back to the animal shelter. We also have a cat named CeCe. I guess you could call her a rescue also. She just ran up to me one day when I was outside. She wouldn't leave and was very hungry. So we took her in even though I am really not a cat person. If I had the resources, I would probably take in every stray. I am a pushover for animals.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Director

Deb's Retiring!

AFTER SERVING AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI FOR A TOTAL OF 14 YEARS, DEB WILL BE RETIRING IN DECEMBER 2023!

DEB HAS HELPED SHAPE LNWMO INTO THE PROGRAM IT IS TODAY. PLEASE CONGRATULATE HER ON A SUCCESSFUL CAREER!

IN LIEU OF A RETIREMENT PARTY, WE WILL PROVIDE DETAILS FOR A CARD SHOWER AT A LATER DATE.



We wish Deb the best!

Deb has dedicated 14 years to this organization and we are truly grateful for her leadership! We would not be where we are today without her guidance. She has helped build, strengthen, and inspire over 460 alumni in this program. I'm excited to see what she conquers next!

~Courtney Jimenez

I was introduced to Deb in 2009. It was immediately apparent she was dedicated to the organization and assisting in the personal and professional growth of others. Her dedication and servant-leadership hasn't waned over the years. As Deb retires, I am confident she has left a legacy in the lives of individuals and in the growth and positive impact in our communities. What a nice way to end one chapter and start another! Congratulations Deb, and thank you!

~ Kristen Alley

STAY CONNECTED

Alumni

Upcoming Classes

- April 20th 9am-4pm—Maryville/ Nodaway County @ NWMSU, Agricultural Learning Center
- April 27th 4pm-5pm Class Zoom Session
- May 18th 9am-4pm—St. Joseph/ Andrew County @ Camp Geiger
- May 25th 4pm-5pm Class Zoom Session
- June 8th 9am-4pm—Mound City/ Holt County @ R/Farm Distillery
- June 22nd 9am-4pm—Carrollton/ Carroll County @ BTC Bank
- July 13th 6pm-8:30pm—Hamilton/ Caldwell County, Graduation @ Hamilton United Methodist Church, Family Life Center

<https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/events-class-sessions>

*Where are they now?
We would love to
hear about any
promotions, job
changes, awards, or
exciting news!*



**A DREAM DOESN'T
BECOME REALITY
THROUGH MAGIC;
IT TAKES SWEAT,
DETERMINATION,
AND HARD WORK.**

COLIN POWELL

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STAY CONNECTED

Where are they now?

Marcie Cutsinger-Class of 2001

Shortly after completing Leadership Northwest, I was employed as the Student Support Services (SSS) Director at North Central Missouri College (NCMC). After 7 years as the SSS Director, I became the TRIO Director. I was at NCMC for almost 16 years. This position provided me with opportunities such as program and policy development, grant writing, budgeting and most important of all working with people to accomplish a shared goal (student success). In 2017, I accepted a Master of Social Work faculty position at Indiana Wesleyan University. This program was fairly new. The program received full accreditation. While at IWU, I proposed and developed a course on Leadership, Administration and Supervision. I also supervised adjunct faculty, oversaw course changes and assisted with program admissions and appeals. I received my doctorate in Educational Leadership in 2018. Recently (August 2022), I started working as a faculty member at Missouri Baptist University in the MSW program. This program is nearing full accreditation. My current responsibilities include being the lead instructor for courses focused on leadership, theory, policy, group and community practice. I provide accreditation assistance, course development and student career advisement. I also hold some adjunct professor positions and serve on the North Central Missouri Mental Health Center Board of Directors.

When I joined Leadership Northwest I was new to being a leader in a professional setting. Leadership Northwest taught me about the importance of networking. I remember being amazed with the people in our Northwest area and what they were doing to improve our communities. My connections made through Leadership Northwest assisted me in providing unique services to students in the programs at NCMC. The opportunity to participate in Leadership Northwest allowed me to see that being a leader was more than just a position. Leadership is about making a positive impact on those around you.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Alumni

WE ARE HIRING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LNWMO is seeking an innovative individual who shares our passion for developing current and future leaders of the region.

Check out the full job description at:
<https://leadershipnorthwestmissouri.org/job-posting>

Send your resume & letter of interest to:
leadershipnorthwestmissouri@gmail.com



Funds are always tight with non-profit organizations. Please consider giving back to LNWMO, so LNWMO can continue to make a difference in leadership journeys of future classes.

YOU can make a difference!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
DONATE!

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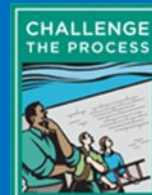
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Sponsorship Opportunities

LEADERSHIP NORTHWEST MISSOURI SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



Challenge the Process:

Leaders search for opportunities to change the status quo. They look for innovative ways to improve the organization. In doing so, they experiment and take risks. And because leaders know that risk taking involves mistakes and failures, they accept the inevitable disappointments as learning opportunities.



Platinum Level
\$1500 and up

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend a class session and share business information
- VIP seating at the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)
- Opportunity to feature job openings with alumni leaders
- Business feature post on Facebook page
- Featured in 2023 class press release
- Banner displayed at events



Gold Level
\$1,000-1,499

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend a class session and share business information
- Invitation to attend the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)
- Opportunity to feature job openings with alumni leaders
- Business feature post on Facebook page



Silver Level
\$500-999

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend a class session and share business information
- Invitation to attend the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony (complimentary)



Bronze Level
\$100-499

- Featured on LNWMO website and Facebook page
- Invitation to attend the annual LNWMO graduation ceremony

SPONSOR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL TO OUR MISSION



CHARITABLE GIFTS

Leadership Northwest Missouri received a charitable gift from the Killackey Charitable Trust in the amount of \$500.00 on November 28, 2022. The Killackey Charitable Trust is a perpetual charitable trust established by the late Elizabeth Pinkston (Betty) Killackey and distributions are limited to charitable organizations based in or with a local office in Buchanan County, Missouri.

Leadership Northwest is honored to receive this gift. These funds will assist with sustaining our organization's mission to build, strengthen and inspire leaders through training and networking experiences.

Alumni totaling 460 have benefited from Leadership Northwest Missouri. Effective leadership is vital to the future prosperity of Northwest Missouri.

