

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN NEPA!

Leadership Lackawanna graduated its 40th Core Program class at a “Celebration of Leadership” luncheon ceremony at the Hilton Scranton & Conference Center. In addition, we honored our TLT Program graduates. Over 375 people attended this milestone event which included the premiere of a historical video that told the story of the organization’s history, information about the impact of Leadership Lackawanna community service projects, a presentation covering achievements from this program year and the presentation of graduate certificates. Celebration of Leadership was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors 25-8 Studios, Allied Services, Benco Dental, Center City Print, Community Bank, NA, FNCB Bank, Geisinger, Gertrude Hawk, Hawk Family Foundation, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, Iron Tree Data, Lackawanna College, Lackawanna County, Maximus Foundation, NBT Bank, Penn East Federal Credit Union, People’s Security Bank & Trust Company, PNC Bank, PPL, Scranton Area Community Foundation, The AZEk Company, The Honesdale National Bank, The Wright Center and Times Shamrock Communication.



HOWL AT THE MOON IS COMING TO SCRANTON

SAVE THE DATE 10.20.23



COLLEGIATE PARTICIPANTS HONORED

This 6-week virtual course, consisting of online modules, provided twelve leaders from six higher education institutions with an innovative and flexible online learning experience. The course is comprised of a variety of personal and professional development skills that are ideal for building a solid resume and honing leadership, interview, and career readiness skills. While in the course, participants explored a variety of thought-provoking topics including personality, managing differences, emotional intelligence, personal brand, communication, conflict management, decision making and writing emails for impact and influence. Participants worked on weekly course content at their own pace and met via Zoom once a week as a class.

- Kaitlin Ahern, Lafayette College
- Laury Angeles, Wilkes University
- Joseph Dougherty, Penn State Scranton
- Mahek S. Gandhi, Penn State Scranton
- Mason Hemak, University of Scranton
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- Ann Marie McGrogan, Marywood University
- Ashley Mitchell, Keystone College
- Molly Morgan, Penn State Scranton
- Enrique Olmedo, Penn State Scranton
- Raymond Ondrako Jr., Penn State Scranton
- Aayushi Patel, Penn State Scranton

CORE PROGRAM CLASS PROJECTS HAVE AN IMPACT OF OVER \$65,000

The Class of 2023 announces the results of their projects. As part of the 10-month experience, participants devoted a large portion of their time to develop and implement community projects, hence enhancing their leadership abilities, fostering teamwork and benefiting local organizations. In total, these five projects had a combined community investment of over \$65,000.



Children's Advocacy Center

Our team worked to completely renovate their Teen Center's waiting area. This included new furniture, flooring, and doors, along with a fresh coat of paint and modish décor!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CORE PROGRAM CLASS OF 2023

Jasoda Acharya, Community Bank, NA
Jennifer Agliarolo, Children's Advocacy Center
Ariana Argust, Allied Services
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Paul J. Ballard, Ph.D., Marywood University
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Jim Warren, Warren Construction
Alissa Weiss, The Honesdale National Bank

17 GRADUATE FROM WS!

Welcome Scranton! gives participants an insider's look at our community over the course of two and a half days. The 17 participants in the Spring 2023 class had the opportunity to visit several area business, historic and cultural sites, allowing them to gain a unique knowledge of our region that they would not have acquired otherwise. "Our goal is to give participants the inside scoop on what's happening in our county, directly from experts in the field," said Nicole A. Morrstell, Leadership Lackawanna. "We were delighted with this class and hope they continue to put leadership into action through what they learned at Welcome Scranton!"



Charles M. Barber, Everhart Museum
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STAFF RECOGNIZED ON NATIONAL LEVEL



Pictured, Lura Hammond Executive Director of ALP, and Nicole Morrstell

The Association of Leadership Programs (ALP), a national organization located in Texas that supports the growth and development of Community Leadership Programs, recently announced that Nicole Morrstell was appointed as Treasurer to serve a one-year term. With over 300 members, ALP is THE premier connection source for community leadership programs throughout the US, and even has a small presence internationally. ALP believes that true, organic community leadership involves looking at situations, opportunities, or challenges through the lens of the whole community, and pursuing a course that builds

the well-being of all. ALP membership is open to all leadership organizations/programs, whether based in a chamber of commerce, university, government or similar entity, or as an independent organization.

In this role, Morrstell will be responsible for providing financial oversight of the organization, making periodic financial reports to the board of directors and presenting a full financial report at the annual meeting. "As an already active board member and ambassador for the state of Pennsylvania, I was happy to expand my involvement with this worthwhile national organization. We have already benefitted so much from ALP membership - essentially I give them full credit for helping us create Welcome Scranton! Personally, ALP allows me to interact with fellow leadership professionals who are doing

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EXECUTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

This Program is designed to assist professionals in becoming more engaged in the community, broadening their social network and increasing their overall knowledge of the area. Through weekly sessions, participants meet key business and community leaders and receive an overview of Lackawanna County's history, economic/political structures, cultural affairs, community events/activities, civic groups, and recreational/leisure amenities. Sessions are conducted one evening per week, for six weeks. Each session is held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. The program is open to public and private sector administrators/professionals in an executive level position. Candidates must have extensive industry experience that demonstrates a steady career progression. In addition, candidates must either live, work or play in the greater Scranton area and should possess an interest in learning how Lackawanna County functions. Applications for the Fall Cohort are due by September 15.



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- For advanced-level professionals
- \$1,500 for 6 sessions (5-8pm at various locations)
- Expand your social network! Collaborate with key business & community leaders
- Gain regional knowledge - topics include history, culture, economic and political structures, community events, civic groups, recreational activities, nonprofit organizations and more

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CELEBRATING THE TLT CLASS OF 2023

Adrian Agnello Western Wayne High School	Kate Evans West Scranton High School	Mason Miluszusky Carbondale Area High School
Riley Aquilino Valley View High School	Natalie Fuller Valley View High School	Connor Peters Valley View High School
Brittain Banull West Scranton High School	Roger Getts Scranton Preparatory School	Mason Peters Valley View High School
Braden Beecham Riverside Jr/Sr High School	Madeline Herold Abington Heights High School	Julia Possanza Lakeland Jr/Sr High School
Brooke Beemer Abington Heights High School	Andrew Houseknecht Commonwealth Charter Academy	Grace Rodriguez Scranton High School
Brooke Bilski Holy Cross High School	Dane Huggler Abington Heights High School	Emily Romanowski Western Wayne High School
Katherine Boykin Abington Heights High School	Mae Kaufman Mid Valley Secondary Center	Carolena Ryon Lackawanna Trail High School
Caden Brennan Carbondale Area High School	Alexandra King Scranton High School	Paris Santee West Scranton High School
Jocelyn Brown Carbondale Area High School	Geanna Kirchner Dunmore High School	Emily Stefani West Scranton High School
Dinello Capalongo West Scranton High School	Corrina Maldonado West Scranton High School	Gavin Walsh Scranton Preparatory School
Rhayni Carroll Western Wayne High School	Odin Marrow Commonwealth Charter Academy	Ethan Warring Scranton High School
Megan Cosklo Carbondale Area High School	Patricia McAndrew Lakeland Jr/Sr High School	Alexa B. Williams Riverside Jr/Sr High School
Elizabeth Cummings Old Forge High School	Brian McCormack Scranton High School	Mary Zabielski Valley View High School
Haylee Czyzyk Commonwealth Charter Academy	Natalie Micknick Lakeland Jr/Sr High School	Yingqi (Angela) Zeng Abington Heights High School

PROJECTS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

Indraloka Animal Sanctuary

The Sanctuary asked for assistance in creating a dedicated walking trail around their property and farm, so our team set out to make enhancements that will serve as both an educational and inspirational experience for those who visit. The trail is now complete and included mile markers, signage, and benches.



North Pocono Dandy Lion Little League



The Little League needed our assistance in modernizing its decades-old concession stand. Our team made major improvements like stainless-steel counters, shelving, storage, and new appliances like a food warmer and pizza oven.

United Neighborhoods Center of NEPA



In conjunction with UNC of NEPA's five-year Pine Brook Community Revitalization Plan, our team created the strategy and initiated the development, site clean-up, and renovation of a vacant lot in this part of Scranton. The ultimate goal is to create a space where the community can come together to enjoy the outdoors while re-imagining what can be!

West Scranton Junior Invaders



Time had significantly taken a toll on the press box of the Junior Invaders, so our team acted on a complete revitalization which included new siding, flooring, drywall, paint, countertops, security system, sound system, and additional cosmetic items.

STAFF RECOGNIZED (continued from page 2)

the same exact work as me – but in their own respective communities! It's such an amazing network of leaders who are dedicated to growing and improving their communities through the work of leadership programs. Serving as ALP treasurer is a real win-win situation. This role not only helps elevate our status as a nonprofit from Scranton, it also places us on the same level playing field as our counterparts across the United States in locations like Orlando, FL, Austin, TX and Bend, OR.," commented Morrstell.

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