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## GIFT FAIR CANCELLED

### Season of Giving ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

Our annual alternative gift fair has been canceled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we urge everyone in the community to follow guidelines from local public health officials. The well-being and safety of all attendees are our first priority.

We urge those of you who have participated in prior years to continue your tradition of giving to area non-profits this holiday season.

## LAMC: 2020-21 ADULT CLASSES CANCELLED

The LAMC board of directors made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020-21 LAMC class due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Board chair Nancy Anderson said,

"The LAMC Board of Directors is committed to our mission of connecting servant leaders to build better communities. Unfortunately, many of our traditional partners are not able to participate in the program because of the effects of the pandemic on their current work environment. We are working hard to develop pandemic-friendly programming to help meet our mission."

Stephanie Fertucci is contacting local businesses and community agencies to create smaller, individualized, leadership courses for staff development needs. Currently, LAMC is coordinating specialized leadership training courses with Ivy Tech Community College and Work One.

If your business or organization needs facilitated leadership development courses, contact Stephanie Fertucci at [smfertucci@anderson.edu](mailto:smfertucci@anderson.edu). Classes may be hosted virtually or in small groups following social distance guidelines.

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**YLA: SESSIONS KICK OFF AMIDST PANDEMIC**



**Session 1 – Opening Retreat**

Camp Tecumseh was closed due to the pandemic, so programming was shifted to The Ark, a youth camp in Converse, and The Factory Community Center in Frankton. Students participated in outdoor team building activities. The groups were challenged to use their creativity, problem solving and communication skills each day.

**Session 2 - Mental Health, Coping Skills and Life Passion Session**

Wendy Cook (LAMC 15'), Intersect Project Coordinator and Jess Cartwright, Systems of Care Coordinator, facilitated a session that spoke to students about emotions, coping skills, and identification of unhealthy mental health. The students then visited with specialists in the field of art, music, nutrition and meditative yoga to learn about alternative coping skills. Representatives included; Tabitha Fletcher of Trouvaille Studio, Kirby Cunningham (LAMC 14') of Plainsong Music Services, Rachel Ferguson of Wholistic Wellness Services, and Tracy Hopkins of Meditative Yoga. The day concluded with a step-by-step process for discovering passions in life.



**YLA CLASS OF 2021**

- Taylor Ash, Elwood High School
- Ryan Barnett, Anderson High School
- Brayden Bates, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Laurn Bates, Frankton High School
- Chloe Bell, Pendleton Heights High School
- AJ Black, Alexandria Monroe High School
- Sydney Bowers, Anderson High School
- Katelyn Browning, Frankton High School
- Tony Chelli, Lapel High School
- Caleb Coryell, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Chloe Cuneo, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Kayleigh Edmundson, Pendleton Heights HS
- Caroline Erny, Liberty Christian School
- Morgan Erwin, Lapel High School
- Emma Farr, Frankton High School
- Ella Flanagan, Elwood High School
- Logan Flowers, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Victoria Gurley, Lapel High School
- Libby Hahn, Anderson High School
- Ben Hockwalt, Anderson High School
- Hayden Hornocker, Anderson Prep Academy
- Wil Logan, Pendleton Heights HS
- Berkeley Lord, Pendleton Heights HS
- Ellie Manning, Lapel High School
- Tommy Manning, Lapel High School
- Max Naselroad, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Kendall Parker, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Alexa Puckey, Pendleton Heights HS
- Elizabeth Renner, Lapel High School
- Kara Simison, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Cayden Sissonv, Pendleton Heights HS
- Emma Smith, Frankton High School
- Emma Smith, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Jacob Sumski, Pendleton Heights HS
- Cameron Tackett, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Kylee Thomas, Alexandria Monroe HS
- Lilly Williams, Pendleton Heights HS
- Ricky Wong, Anderson HS
- Jacob Zerke, Anderson HS

## BALANCE

Now in its third year, the BALANCE program is available to students who have graduated from YLA and want to continue their leadership journey. The program strives to get students ready for “what’s next” after graduation. Surveyed students shared what additional curriculum they need to be prepared for post-graduation. With the help of Indiana Youth Institute and the YLA surveys, sessions were developed to address issues that students encounter after high school graduation.

Initial sessions examined explicit and implicit bias and self-exploration. Students completed Myers Briggs, learning style, emotional quotient and 360 profile tools. Future sessions will include resume writing, completing college and scholarship applications, and conducting mock interviews. Along the way, students will select a project that will benefit the community.

## BALANCE CLASS OF 2021

Ian Bailey, Lapel High School

Jason Bale, Anderson High School

Ashley Bell, Pendleton Heights High School

Nicholas Bitar, Liberty Christian High School

Allie Bramwell, Anderson High School

Dani Crehan, Pendleton Heights High School

Katherine Duckworth, Alexandria Monroe High School

Joel Gaar, Pendleton Heights High School

Allison Gast, Alexandria Monroe High School

James Glazebrooks, Anderson High School

Mariela Gonzalez, Guerin High School

Thomas Gregor, Elwood High School

Naomi Haynes, Madison Grant High School

Reiley Hiser, Alexandria Monroe High School

Gracyn Hosier, Alexandria Monroe High School

Emma Howe, Alexandria Monroe High School

Dacoven Kirksey, Anderson High School

Mariah Mason, Lapel High School

Makayla McDole, Lapel High School

Rylee Pyle, Alexandria Monroe High School

Seth Schuck, Lapel High School

Jack Scott, Anderson Preparatory Academy

Derek Stinefield, Alexandria Monroe High School

Riley Sullivan, Elwood High School

Nicholas Thalls, Lapel High School

Lindsey Weddle, Pendleton Heights High School



## MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

What a year this has been! One lesson I take away from 2020 is that it is more important than ever to stay focused on the things that matter most - close to home. Like you, like family and friends, and like LAMC. I want to take the opportunity to tell you how deeply I appreciate your support of the Leadership Academy of Madison County.

We have had a number of changes in staffing and programming over the last several months. Despite the staffing changes and pandemic-related disruption, our efforts to educate and support community members to GROW, SERVE, and LEAD continues- perhaps a bit altered, but unabated.

As you may know, our long-serving program director Pam Shoot has retired from her full-time position with LAMC. To maintain continuity with the last year of Youth Leadership Academy students who she led, Pam will stay on as the leader of the BALANCE program through January 2021. I want to thank Pam for her 25 years of dedicated service to LAMC and its alumni. Her influence is felt in every corner of Madison County, and she will be sorely missed.

We are excited to introduce our new program director, Stephanie Fertucci. Stephanie was hired in the spring and came to us with a long history of work with non-profits and children. She has been working tirelessly over the last several months learning the LAMC legacy and making plans for the future, all the while managing current programming through what is arguably the most challenging year in recent memory. We are happy to have her on board.

Executive director Carrie Bale has elected to leave LAMC to focus on her work as an early learning educational consultant. We are grateful for Carrie's contributions and look forward to seeing the great things she'll do in education for our region.

Until the time comes to hire a new executive director, we have contracted with former LAMC executive director Beth Erskine to assist with staffing, marketing and development, and alternative programming that works in the COVID-19 environment. Beth and Stephanie are working together to create a menu of alternative program offerings that are pandemic-appropriate. Please join me in thanking both Beth and Stephanie for helping us navigate this unfamiliar terrain.

While 2020 has been a challenge for all of us, we at LAMC are forging ahead to build new and different opportunities for our community. Thank you for your support as we navigate through these changes.

Sincerely,

Nancy Anderson  
President, Board of Directors



"Leadership Is About  
Vision &  
Responsibility...  
Not Power."

~ S. Berkley

## DONATE NOW - MATCH OPPORTUNITY

Harrah's Hoosier Park will match every dollar donated to LAMC up to \$7500 through December 31, 2020. Renew your alumni dues of \$25 for the year, contribute \$50 toward the scholarship fund to send an adult or a student through LAMC or YLA, or donate \$100 to help offset YLA camp expenses.



**Donate online at [thelamc.org/pay-or-donate](https://thelamc.org/pay-or-donate)**

## HOW ARE YOU IMPACTING YOUR COMMUNITY?

The pandemic has many of us feeling disconnected and missing others in the community. How are you continuing to serve and support one another, our community and its organizations? Share what you and/or your business are doing to demonstrate servant leadership in Madison County. Your stories will be our social media focus in the upcoming months.

Email Stephanie Fertucci at [smfertucci@anderson.edu](mailto:smfertucci@anderson.edu) with your tales of servant leadership.



## VOLUNTEERS AND SPACES NEEDED

Do you have a desire to learn more about youth leadership? Need a break from your home office? LAMC Program Director Stephanie Fertucci is looking for alumni, sponsors and community partners to help with YLA sessions. Volunteers are needed to conduct temperature checks, distribute materials, serve lunch and assist YLA students. Topic presentations will be conducted by the session facilitators. Sessions are held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and volunteer hours are flexible.

Meeting space for YLA and BALANCE sessions is also needed. YLA sessions include 40 participants and BALANCE sessions need space for 26 participants. Spaces must be large enough to accommodate for social distancing. Contact Stephanie Fertucci at [smfertucci@anderson.edu](mailto:smfertucci@anderson.edu) to volunteer at a session or to donate meeting space.

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