

The Leadership Journal

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Leadership Academy
of Madison County



Giving Back! Madison County youth celebrate giving back at Dance Marathon 2015.



Kathi Meyer, Amy Turner and Sydney Morrow working together at the Gift Fair.

\$86,629³¹
**GIVEN BACK TO
MADISON COUNTY!**

Through the efforts of our adult and youth classes along with the participating agencies, this year over \$86,000 was distributed to over twenty non-profit agencies here in Madison County. You are building better communities!

Thank you to all those who were a part of *The Season of Giving Gift Fair* and *Dance Marathon*: our alumni, our sponsors, and all of the participating non-profits. Your support made both events a huge success.

GRANT MADNESS 2015

MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Madison County Community Foundation sponsored Grant Madness again this year. Building on the excitement of the NCAA's "March Madness," a tournament style awareness campaign was launched to highlight 25 Madison County non-profit agencies. The campaign seeks to "build enthusiasm, awareness, and resources" for the agencies and for the Madison County Community Foundation.

Because of YOU and YOUR votes, Leadership Academy of Madison County won the Grant Madness Contest and will be awarded a \$5,000 grant. Gary Edwards (LAMC '05) won the individual bracket challenge by choosing the most winning brackets. As the winner, he was able to direct an additional \$2,000 to Safe Families for Children. Way to go, Gary!

Congratulations to all the participating non-profits! We are proud to work with them as we all strive to make a difference in the communities we serve. Thank you, again, to ALL who voted and helped spread the word!

LAMC

ADULT graduation



David Neidert, 2015 graduate and class speaker.

February 19, 2015 was a special day for us. LAMC was honored to welcome 35 servant leaders into the ranks of our alumni doing good works and "building better communities." As the class elected speaker, David Neidert inspired us all with his heartfelt words. Here are a few excerpts from his inspiring speech:

"The servant leader does more than open the door. The servant leader steps outside and stands with those that haven't been invited and goes beyond an invitation to the point of being willing to give up their seat at that table so that all have the opportunity to be heard and seen."

David went on to say "the last session of the Academy we sat in a circle and shared our reflections about the experience. That was a powerful moment for me. That moment gives me hope for this world and our community because in each and every one of you, class of 2015, I saw a passion for the story of this community. I am humbled to have shared that circle with all of you and so proud to call you my friends. I am grateful that my story is now immeasurably enriched because it is intertwined with each of yours. So I leave you with nothing more than a humble thank you. Thank you for teaching. Thank you for caring. Thank you serving each other and me.

MADISON COUNTY
2015
SERVANT LEADER
AWARD

Award Winners



President James Edwards and his wife Deanna share a moment of laughter as they accept the 2015 Servant Leader Award.

In addition to honoring our LAMC graduates, President James L. Edwards and Deanna K. Edwards of Anderson University graciously accepted the honor of receiving Leadership Academy of Madison County's 2015 Servant Leader Award. President and Mrs. Edwards have modeled and embodied the true spirit of servant leadership. Our communities and our world are better because they chose to serve here with us. Thank you for allowing us to honor you and for your dedication and service to Madison County and beyond. Congratulations on your retirement! We extend our best wishes to both of you. Please send pictures from sunny California!



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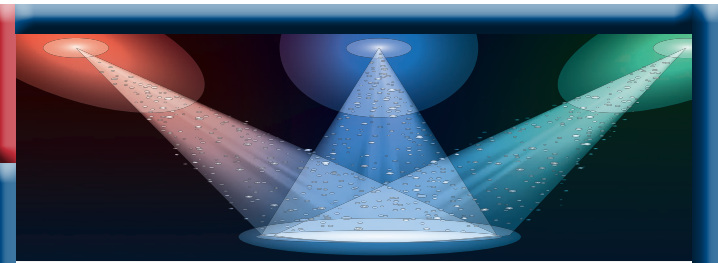
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servant leader SPOTLIGHT



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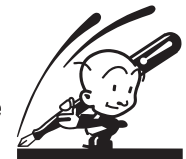
Keith Trent

Congratulations to **Tom Bannon, Linda West, LAMC '15,** and **Keith Trent!** It was recently announced that Tom Bannon (former LAMC Board Member and 1996 LAMC graduate) has been selected as the new Vice President and Chief Foundation Officer of Community Hospital Anderson. Tom will replace Keith Trent who is retiring at the end of May after 38 years of service. Keith is also a former LAMC Board Member and 1998 LAMC graduate! And, in a perfect trifecta for LAMC, Linda West will soon assume the new role of Foundation Development Manager working closely with Tom to grow the Foundation.

Congratulations to all three of you and thank you for your commitment to Servant Leadership!

Coming Soon...

Your 2015 Leadership Resource Directories are currently being created! The directory is a great way to keep in contact with fellow LAMC and YLA graduates!



servant leader SPOTLIGHT *cont.*



Sonia Caldwell
LAMC '14

Last year, as a 2014 class member, Sonia had this to say: "LAMC has helped open me up to the possibilities of positive change in our community through personal and professional connections. Finding those with the same passions has already inspired community

change through dialogue and plans for future economic growth in Madison County."

Fast forward just one year, and look what Sonia is up to now! Sonia is on the Dancing Like the Stars committee raising money for the beloved Paramount Theatre. She also serves on the Souper Bowl of Caring committee for the Christian Center, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Anderson Young Ballet Theatre.

Sonia and her partner, Levi Rinker, plan to open a gallery and workspace cooperative for artists! In fact, they will soon be forming a new non-profit organization to serve the community. See <http://www.atowncenter.org/> for more info. Artists will be given studio space in return for work on community projects that better the downtown Anderson area. Stay tuned for more great things to come .



Misty Stanley
LAMC '14

Misty finds herself immersed in a new career as the Executive Assistant to the three owners of GVC Mortgage, Inc. in Pendleton since graduating from LAMC (yep, that happens)! Last year, Misty commented that "LAMC has made me stronger in my leadership journey and has given me the tools to become a useful member of my community. Volunteer opportunities have opened up for me to make a difference in my community."

Not only does Misty find herself in a new career, she and a co-worker initiated a community outreach program to her company owners and then headed up this outreach program within GVC. Their first endeavor was an Angel Tree to benefit children at Christmas. They covered Anderson, Pendleton, Fishers, and Noblesville! Misty is grateful to be working for an employer who has a passion for reaching out and helping others. We are grateful too! Rumor is that Misty has also just recently be asked to join the Board of Directors at Hopewell Center, one of our Gift Fair agencies.....connecting servant leaders who build better communities.



***Please share YOUR stories with us.
We know you are out there making a
difference and we really want to help
spread the word about your work
in building better communities!***

What Our Employers Are Saying About Their Graduates

If you are a business owner or manager who has been wondering what LAMC is all about and whether you are ready to invest in your time, talent, and resources, please consider what these two employers had to say recently.

...the return on the investment will pay dividends...



Brad Justus (LAMC '14)
LAMC Board Member and
CFO of Kleenco in Alexandria stated:

Our company recently sponsored two employees to participate in the Leadership Academy of Madison County. Over the course of the program, I witnessed both employees grow tremendously as people, as well as leaders within our organization. Our company is better because of their LAMC experience, and the return on the investment will pay dividends for years to come.

Charlene Stacy (LAMC '11)
Campus President of Harrison College
in Anderson stated:

The Leadership Academy has been the launching point for several of our employees into the community. The LAMC experience allows participants to understand the value of building a network of individuals outside our organization and allowing those connections to enhance their professional growth and the growth of the organization.

This past year, the team member that participated grew substantially as a professional. She has a better understanding of who she is and how best to work with others. Leadership Academy has allowed our participants to build on their awareness of situations, understand how to affect change



...the launching point for several of our employees...

through enhanced communication and how to build a better community through service to others.

As an alumni of LAMC I personally take pride in watching the professional growth of the sponsored employees and see tremendous value in the program.





The YLA Class of 2015 poses for one last group photo after celebrating with their friends and family at graduation.

YLA 2015 GRADS

- Quinton Bell**
Anderson H.S.
- Tyler Blanton**
Alexandria Monroe H.S.
- Jonathon Brandon**
Anderson H.S.
- Kalvin Bui**
Anderson H.S.
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- Noah Dockrey**
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Lapel H.S.
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Pendleton Heights H.S.
- Paige Hendershot**
Lapel H.S.
- Kirsten Hettinga**
Lapel H.S.
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Anderson H.S.
- Jacob Jones**
Anderson Prep Academy

- Madison Jones**
Lapel H.S.
- Liberty Kyle**
Alexandria Monroe H.S.
- Guy Maynard**
Alexandria Monroe H.S.
- Emma Mccardwell**
Pendleton Heights H.S.
- Regan Metzger**
Lapel H.S.
- Sydney Morrow**
Anderson Prep Academy
- Brooklynn Parker**
Pendleton Heights H.S.
- Sydney Parton**
Liberty Christian School
- Chayleen Ray**
Frankton H.S.
- Brenda Rodriguez**
Guerin H.S.
- Alex Scribner**
Lapel H.S.
- Emily Shafer**
Frankton H.S.
- Derek Sims**
Elwood H.S.
- Erin Smith**
Liberty Christian School
- Dayton Stanley**
Frankton H.S.
- Macy Tatman**
Alexandria Monroe H.S.
- Madison Wilson**
Alexandria Monroe H.S.

YLA YOUTH graduation

March 7th was another day of celebration. On this day, in the midst of "Sectional Madness," 35 graduates of the Youth Leadership Academy inspired, awed, and entertained us with their energy, kind hearts, and optimism for Madison County and beyond. This year, Travis Hobbs from Lapel High School and Madison Wilson from Alexandria Monroe High School were chosen to represent the class as graduation speakers.

With his deep, country music star voice, Travis Hobbs shared his story of personal growth and a new awareness of the true meaning of servant leadership. Travis challenged his classmates to join him in his commitment to "Do Something" to make a difference in the lives of others. Way to go, Travis!



Madison Wilson just loves public speaking – NOT! But, YLA taught her that "you have to overcome your fears to become a better leader." Madison accepted the challenge and was a joy to have in this year's class. Madison shared with our audience that she was thankful to live in a community that is invested in the development of its youth. We are thankful too! Thank you, Madison, for sharing your gifts.

Rosie Tarlton Receives Servant Leader Award

Stephen Hamer was a graduate of YLA and tried very hard to make a difference in the lives of others. In his honor, a former YLA graduate who reflects the spirit of Stephen and the characteristics of a servant Leader, is selected by a scholarship committee to receive the Stephen Hamer Servant Leader Award.



This year's scholarship winner is Rosie Tarlton. A Senior at Lapel High School and 2014 YLA graduate, Rosie is planning on attending either IUPUI or Ball State University to study Special Education. Rosie has been active in SADD as well as a Bulldog Mentor. She is in the Health & Science Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and on serves on the Graduation Committee. Right now, Rosie's big commitment is working with Riley Children's Hospital to help the Frankton-Lapel Community Schools reach the status of being a Miracle Corporation. This means that she will help raise a dollar for every student at each school in the Frankton-Lapel school system. At a recent boys Frankton-Lapel basketball game, she was able to help raise over \$1000.00 in just one minute!

As this year's award winner, Rosie will receive a college scholarship and the organization of her choice (Emma's Art Cart) will also receive a matching gift. Congratulations, Rosie. We are proud to know you!

2015-2016 PROGRAM APPLICATIONS now available!



Who do you know that would benefit from networking, community awareness, growing in servant leadership and learning the skills needed for success in all these areas and more?

Applications are now available for both the adult and youth programs at the following links.



Youth Program (application deadline 5/1/15)

Youth applicants must currently be in the Spring semester of the sophomore year.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.thelamc.org to apply



Adult Program (application deadline 7/31/15)

Applicants must live or work in Madison County.

[CLICK HERE](#) or visit www.thelamc.org to apply



PAY IT FORWARD WITH A GIFT!

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE LEGACY OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP.

Our Board of Directors, in partnership with the Madison County Community Foundation, recognizes that it takes servant leaders who dedicate themselves to collaboration, selflessness, and generosity to significantly impact our community for the good. Bobbette Snyder, our former Executive Director, served the Leadership Academy for over twenty years. Her dedication inspired generations of new servant leaders in Madison County and beyond.

In her honor, the Bobbette Snyder Fund for the Leadership Academy of Madison County was established upon her retirement in 2014 to support the on-going work of the organization that she so passionately served. This fund is available to any and all community members who would like to recognize Bobbette's passionate service to the development of servant leaders.

As you count your blessings and pay it forward to organizations that have a positive, lasting, and meaningful impact on others, please consider a gift to Leadership Academy of Madison County. We need your financial support to ensure the legacy of servant leadership.

Alumnae Gifts can be sent to:

Leadership Academy of Madison County
ATTN: Beth Erskine
1100 E 5th St. • Anderson, IN 46012-3462

Contributions to the Bobbette Snyder Fund for the Leadership Academy of Madison County can be sent to:

Madison County Community Foundation
33 West 10th • St, Suite 600 • Anderson, IN 46016
Phone 765-644-0002



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For more information about making a gift or becoming a sponsor, please contact Beth Erskine at (765)641-3863 or baerskine@anderson.edu



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Connecting servant leaders who build better communities.

"The vision of America is based on a common purpose and a common concern. Our hope of greatness is based on our vision. Previous generations of Americans worked at solving their problems to survive or to stave off tyranny. Today, effort will be required to keep society vital. The future will only meet our expectations."

- John Gardner

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