



Cultivate, Communicate, Collaborate, Inspire, Serve

# 2018 ALMANAC

## MISSION

We cultivate leaders in agriculture, forestry and natural resources who communicate, collaborate, inspire and serve.

## VISION

To positively impact and enrich lives and communities in Washington State and throughout the world with leading edge solutions for challenges faced by Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources.



## Message from Chris Lunde Chairman, Board of Trustees



Valued Alumni, Supporters and Friends of AgForestry,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support for developing leaders in Washington State. The collaboration between our foundations financial supporters, many volunteers, staff, and the Board of Trustees culminated in a successful year for the AgForestry Leadership Foundation. The leadership qualities each of you has displayed on so many levels have made chairing the Board of Trustees quite the honor for me.

This year, the Trustee's conversation returned to the topic of growth which seems such a natural way for the foundation to positively impact our communities. If I were to summarize our growth conversation it is this, we can grow through engagement. I believe this is a continuation of the root to our foundations success, known by other names such as networking, communicating, collaborating and friendship.

Today, I look forward to seeing how the new methods of engaging the participants with the program will grow the individuals and whole class. I look forward to the different approaches that the Alumni Council will take to engage with our graduates and how those will grow alumni connectivity. I look forward to rejuvenated seminar Curriculum Council. Truthfully, I really look forward to our quarterly Trustee meetings and how the trustees engage with each other as we address our financial and governing responsibilities.

Our graduates are at the leading edge of solutions for today's and tomorrow's challenges at local, statewide and national levels. Let's continue, together, to reach out to engage with the cultivation of leaders for agriculture, forestry and natural resources in our state, and by extension, our nation and world.

*Engaging, we will make a difference.*

*Chris*



# Message from Sheryl McGrath President

Greetings...

Another year has flown by! We are excited to recognize our Giving Partners and share some accomplishments of people in our AgForestry family in our 2018 "Almanac." AgForestry leaders are a legacy of the past, strength for today and hope for the future. You are commendable examples of our mission and vision.

Our leaders came together to present another year of world-class leadership development, educational, and networking opportunities, with a lot of fun along the way. Some highlights included: a successful golf tournament at the Apple Tree Golf Resort in Yakima, an awesome Alumni New England Fall Foliage tour, introducing Class 40, electing new Board of Trustee members and officers, Class 39 traveling to Greece and Italy for their international seminar, we welcomed Julie and Kara, our new staff team members and said farewell to Deborah as she retired. We reinvigorated in-state leadership seminars, built new relationships in Washington DC for the national government seminar, breathed new life into alumni activities, fine-tuned internal policies and procedures, and are extremely pleased to report that we have ended the year financially solid again. We strive to be exemplary stewards of the treasures we receive. Ninety percent of our resource go directly to program support.

*With you, we are shaping the future by shaping future leaders!*

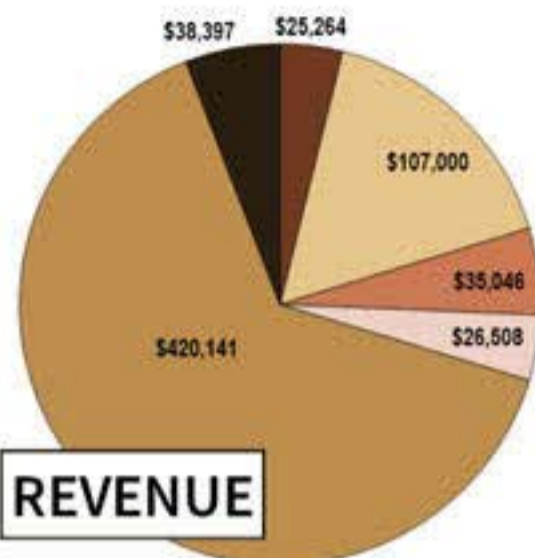
With grateful appreciation and warm regards,

**Sheryl**



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Classes 39, 40 and our Alumni continue their leadership journeys



Class 40 - National Seminar, Washington DC



Alumni Council - New England Adventure 2017



Class 39 - Columbia River Seminar, Bonneville Dam



Class 39 - Ag Seminar, Prosser Hops



Class 40 - Forestry Seminar, Avista Generating Station, Colville



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- Hannah Clark, Class 39 - Selected as Pacific Northwest Director for American Farmland Trust.
- Vicki Christiansen, Class 12 - Ascended to the top of a 35,000-employee Federal agency, the U.S. Forest Service, and was named Interim Chief.
- Leif Fixen, Class 37 - Selected as the Agriculture Strategy Manager for the mid-west United States at the Nature Conservancy.
- Jean Frost (previously Snyder), Class 39 - Promoted to Unit Supervisor, Shellfish Growing Area Section, Washington Department of Health.
- Nate Fulton, Class 39 - Promoted to the position of Agribusiness Specialty Practice Director with PayneWest Insurance. Nate was also elected to the University of Washington Alumni Association Board of Trustees.
- KayDee Gilkey, Class 16 - Re-elected as the Mayor of Fairfield, Washington.
- Andy Hopkins, Class 37 - Promoted to Director of Planning for Weyerhaeuser's Western Timberlands.
- Kara Kaelber, Class 37 - Hired as the new Program Manager for AgForestry Leadership, and was sworn in as the newest board member of ESD 123 in Pasco.
- Travis Keatley, Class 22 - Promoted to VP of Weyerhaeuser's Southern Timberlands business - 7.2MM acres across 11 southern states.
- Lars Leland, Class 37 - Promoted to Manager of the Port of Mattawa
- Kristine Meyer, Class 37 - Appointed as a Port of Whitman Commissioner
- Steve Mork, Class 6 - Founded Mork Wines.
- Lindsey Morrison, Class 39 - Appointed to the South Douglas Conservation District Board of Supervisors
- Flo Sayre, ALC, Class 10 - Received the 2017 REALTORS® Land REALTOR® of America Award.
- Mark Sheldahl, Class 22 - Promoted to the role of North Washington Region Forester with Weyerhaeuser.
- Ben St. Mary, Class 38 - Elected Fire Commissioner, Yakima Fire District No.4.
- Chery Sullivan, Class 38 - Promoted to Program Manager of the WSDA Dairy Nutrient Management Program.
- Scott Swanson, Class 22 - Served as the Co-Chair-Chair of the Timber/Fish/Wildlife (TFW) Policy Committee 2017-2018.
- Karl Vanevenhoven, Class 31 - Promoted to Chief Operations Officer at Yakima Chief Hops, formerly known as Yakima Chief-Hopunion (YCH HOPS), and opened Varietal Beer Company.
- Tom Westergreen, Class 11 - Honored as 2017 Inspector of the Year by the American Forest Foundation.



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