

Official Newsletter of the NW CRLA**Calling all planners!**

Liz Coleman, NWCRLA President-Elect
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In addition to attending or presenting at the conference, you have the opportunity to participate in a leadership role by helping with the planning. Share or further develop your talents and skill sets by joining our team.

Possible volunteer opportunities:

1. Graphics/Marketing – assist with design and creation of conference materials
2. Chair for presenters – coordinate and support presenters
3. Presentation proposal selection committee – assist in selection of presenter
4. Day-of volunteer – assist with signage, set-up, registration/check-in, etc.

If you want to assist with the conference contact Liz Coleman at colemanl@lanecc.edu. If you are interested in participating in our organization, contact any officer.

Visit our webpage <https://www.nwcrla.com/> for information on conference structure, costs, to sign up for a committee, and register!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

NW CRLA 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MAY 11TH – 12TH
UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

KEYNOTE: LEONARD GEDDES,
THE LEARNWELL PROJECTS

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A Note from our President

Jennifer Silkey
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Wow! I have had a busy fall! I just love fall term because the students are so excited and hopeful. There is so much energy on campus that it is exciting to come to work every day. However, it is when all those new projects and programs take effect, so it is also very busy and hectic.

I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the national conference in Pittsburgh, PA and I'm so excited for our local conference in May. There are so many new things happening in the learning assistance field.

If you have not been to our website recently, I would encourage you to check it out: <https://www.nwcrla.com/>

Our organization exists and thrives with your participation. Please encourage your peers and colleagues to check out our website and conference. Over winter break, I will be sending out a survey to get your input on the future of our organization. I will be asking you to think about how we can best showcase and support the amazing work you each do at your institutions.

Have a safe, happy and relaxing winter break!

~Jen

There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.

Colin Powell

Leadership Opportunities:

Conference Planning

If you are interested in helping plan next year's conference, please contact Liz, colemanl@lanecc.edu

Officer Positions

It's time to start thinking about stepping into another role! The following officer positions will be on the ballot this spring:
Secretary/Newsletter,
Treasurer/Membership and
President Elect.

Operations Committee

This committee will help further some of the organization's non-conference related interests. Please contact Jennifer, Jennifer.Silkey@chemeketa.edu

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Building a Strong Foundation through Fiscal Stewardship

Jeffrey White, Treasurer/Membership Coordinator

Just over two years ago, we started the process of revitalizing the Northwest College Reading and Learning Association. With sheer determination and steady planning, our board and members have made our chapter visible on the national CRLA horizon and fiscally healthy. As of the end of November, we have assets of \$4,467.24. This takes into account our initial deposit to bring [Leonard Geddes](#) of [The LearnWell Projects](#) to Portland for our 2018 regional conference. As we plan and implement the upcoming conference events, we will keep an eagle eye on revenues and expenses to ensure that we can continue to bring high-quality keynote presenters and Friday workshop leaders to our future conferences.

Two new members joining during the national CRLA conference revealed another sign we are on the right track. We welcome Caitlin Bradley and Jane Denison-Furness to our growing membership in Northwest CRLA. Currently, we have eighty-five members. During the coming months and leading up to the conference, we will make a push to bring that membership to well over 100 members. This is where you, our members, can actively support your Northwest CRLA. As we release information about the conference and start taking registrations, please share our communications and links to our website with your colleagues, whether they are learning assistance, developmental education staff, college faculty or on the student or academic affairs side of your institutions. Help us to invite others to participate in this growing organization that creates opportunities for the vibrant exchange of philosophies, strategies, and research of evidence-based practices to enhance student academic success and the development of self-regulated learners.

If you have colleagues who you think would like to become members of our regional chapter, please point them to our [membership page](#) on our Northwest CRLA website. Together, we can fulfill our vision of becoming a diverse community of engaged academic professionals, sharing ideas, mentoring colleagues, and empowering members to offer significant contribution to shape higher education.

National Conference - Reflection

Jennifer Silkey, Chemeketa Community

We had a great S/R/C Meeting at the national conference. (S/R/C = States/Regions/Chapters) We were able to take all of the attendees from our chapter area (Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana) to lunch and I enjoyed meeting everyone.

I attended a couple of sessions on having a chapter and it was very encouraging to see how far we have come in just two short years!

As always, I walked away from the conference with so many ideas for new projects. Pittsburgh was a very interesting city! If you have never attended a national conference, I would strongly urge you to consider it.

One theme that I heard repeatedly was how many legislative changes that are happening around the country, primarily at the state level. We have not seen too many of these in our region, but it is important to keep aware of national trends. I hope to have some discussions about these changes at our spring conference.

Next year's annual conference will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme is "En Route to Student Success" and the dates are October 24-27.

No one can succeed right from the start.
No one can fail indefinitely. It all depends on your effort.

Khenchen Tsultrim Lodro

2018 NW CRLA Conference Information

Jennifer Silkey
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Just as fall flew by, May will be here before you know it! We will have the third Annual Northwest CRLA Conference May 12th & 13th at University of Portland.

Be on the lookout for the Call for Proposals in January. We would love to have you present at the May conference.

Leonard Geddes will lead our pre-conference workshop on May 12th and he is our keynote. We will be sending information soon on a FREE webinar with him in February. Leonard is the creator of The LearnWell Projects and I think you will all enjoy his presentation. There are more details on our webpage.

Check out this resource:

If you are not familiar with Thomas Frank, peek and see what he has to offer. You will find a convenient, contemporary source of applicable learning strategies, from time management to test taking. It is worth a moment!

Check out his website, [College Info Geek](#)

CRLA Certification

Are you interested in seeking CRLA certification for your tutor or mentor training program? Or, maybe re-certification is in your future?

Visiting the [CRLA webpage](#) is a great place to start. Once you have had time to research the process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the CRLA certifications team with any additional questions.

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