

Official Newsletter of the NW CRLA

Third Annual NW CRLA Conference

Kristen Morgan, NWCRLA Secretary
Pierce College

Our chapter gathered for the third annual conference on Saturday, May 12th, with a pre-conference the afternoon of Friday, May 11th. The conference was packed full of engaging opportunities to network with colleagues, learn best practices, and make lasting connections!

Attendance was at an all-time high with over 100 in attendance. We are hoping this trend continues for the 2019 conference and beyond.

Our keynote this year was Leonard Geddes, founder of the LearnWell Projects. Leonard's engaging discussion informed us of his experience with metacognition strategies focused on studying and being successful in college. He also led an interactive Friday pre-workshop, where participants had the opportunity to apply metacognition techniques and go in-depth about knowledge transfer gaps correlating course-learning outcomes with the potential outcomes students can gain through effective studying. The board members were honored to have such an engaging and passionate keynote and hope others found his discussion equally beneficial.

As our conference continues to grow, so does the call for proposals. This year truly surpassed expectations in both quantity and quality. Presentations were packed full of best practices, experiences, and thought provoking discussion and our board members want to thank everyone that took the time to submit proposals and present. This conference could not be made possible without you!

A survey to those who attended is going out this week and the planning committee values and considers the feedback. This year we enhanced our program with a hot breakfast and a more comprehensive pre-workshop, both direct results of feedback from last year's survey. This conference is designed for each of our members, so your feedback is invaluable to the continual growth of our conference. If you would like to help plan and organize next year's conference, we'd love to have you! Please reach out to Megan Damon, Conference Volunteer (MDamon@pierce.ctc.edu).

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A Note from our President

Liz Coleman-Lane Community College



“Liz Loves Learning!” was the name of a blog I wrote while on a Ghandi Legacy tour in India. I am certainly on another significant journey of learning as I move into the role of President of this fine NWCRCLA organization. Education has been my career as the Tutoring Services Coordinator at LCC since 1996. I didn’t always

believe a classroom was the best place to learn. I was one of those kinesthetic, curious students who often got in trouble. If I had known about a variety of learning strategies available, I might have had an easier time. Thus, it is my goal and passion to help others find their way into the path of deep learning.

At our conference last May, Leonard Geddes shared some efficient tools to help us ask the right questions that bring students to the appropriate level of competence and confidence. Other presentations led by students, instructors and coordinators covered topics related to equity and inclusion, teaching and learning techniques, program management, technology, and more. The 110 participants enjoyed the food, learning and lunch roundtable discussions.

We selected a new board with Jeffrey White as President-Elect, Kristen Morgan as Secretary, and Adrienne Beebe as Treasurer. Additional volunteer leaders include Jossie Brown as a communications aide, Megan Damon as conference volunteer coordinator and James Gapinski as web, library and blog developer. Did you know that if you are a member of NWCRCLA, there are academic articles you can explore related to training ideas? Check it out on our website and blog at <https://www.nwcrla.com/blog>. Thank you all for stepping up to the plate and sharing your time and expertise.

Our parent organization, College of Reading and Learning Association will be holding their annual conference in Albuquerque, NM, October 24-27, 2018. You can get more information on their website at <http://www.crla.net/conference/2018/> I look forward to being there and will host a NW regional chapter meeting. I hope to see you there and learn beside you this year.

Best to you, Liz

Leadership Opportunities:

Conference Planning

If you are interested in helping plan next year’s conference, please contact Megan, mdamon@pierce.ctc.edu

Keynote Selection Committee

If you would like to help with the selection of a keynote speaker for the conference contact Jeffery, white@up.edu

Operations Committee

This committee will help further some of the organization’s non-conference related interests. Please contact Liz, colemanl@lanecc.edu

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Membership Meeting-May 2018

Kristen Morgan, NWCRLA Secretary

Our annual membership meeting was held in conjunction with the conference, Saturday, May 12th, 2018.

Both the president, Jennifer Silkey, and the president elect, Liz Coleman, spoke to the growth and progress our chapter has taken on since the awakening of our chapter three years ago. It was clear to see the passion and dedication to teaching and learning that was in the room.

Nominated members for vacant positions presented on what they would bring to the organization. Jeffery White, long time treasurer, was nominated as President Elect, Adrienne Beebe was nominated as Treasurer, and Kristen Morgan as Secretary. With no write-ins, our board was established.

The baton was also passed as past president, Sabrina Stevenson, transitioned her position to Jennifer Silkey. Liz Coleman took on the president position, and we said goodbye to our former secretary Sheri McIntyre.

During our membership meeting, we welcomed three new volunteer positions. Jossie Brown will assist with communications, Megan Damon will help with conference planning and facilitation, and James Gapinski will update the website and blog. We are hopeful that our new volunteer positions will allow our chapter to meet our strategic plan and organizational goals.

Check out this Ted Talk:

From day one, tutors are asked to work in teams in various forms, peer-to-peer, peer-to-student, small groups, large groups; but what does it take to effectively work as a team? Amy Edmondson discusses how teaming works with and offers transferrable strategies to forming effective groups.

Check out her video, [How to turn a group of strangers into a team.](#)

Introducing Adrienne Beebe

Adrienne Beebe, NWCRLA Treasurer
Chemeketa Community College

I am excited to serve as your Northwest CRLA treasurer! I have benefitted greatly from attending our regional CRLA conference in Portland for the last



three years, and from attending last year's national conference in Pittsburgh. I am eager for an opportunity to give back to this organization and its members.

I currently work at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon, where I supervise the math tutors in the Tutoring and Study Skills Center and oversee our online tutoring program through the Western eTutoring Consortium. While working at Chemeketa, I have led an effort to professionalize our hiring and training procedures, I have collaborated with other departments to provide professional development workshops for our tutors, and I am responsible for managing and analyzing our tutoring usage data.

In my role as treasurer, I will strive for transparency and honesty. I will do my best to make sure that our funds are used to directly benefit our members – both our professional staff and our student tutors. Thank you for this opportunity to serve our organization!

~Adrienne Beebe

It is not so much tutoring that the mind needs, but clearer recognition and better use of what it already knows.

Henry S. Haskins