

2020 Distinguished Class Member

Congratulations again to the 2020 Leadership Stockton Distinguished Class Member of the year Mario Vasquez from the San Joaquin Delta College Police Department. In an unprecedented year, Mario rose just a little higher than the rest and really took charge of the project after the Coronavirus hit. He held it together and got the ball rolling on the clean-up and the painting of the mural, spending countless hours out at the zoo cleaning, pruning, moving heavy objects, and getting it done. It is not a stretch to say that the clean-up and mural part of the project would not have been completed



Mario Vasquez with his 2020 distinguished class member award

without Mario's hard work and dedication. Once the shutdown happened and we couldn't meet in person, Mario took the lead in keeping everyone updated on Coronavirus numbers and local updates. Adopting a fatherly role for the group, Mario made sure everyone was staying safe and doing their part to slow the spread. When he talks, his words carry a lot of weight, and you know what he has to say has been well thought out. But he also knows when to crack that joke to ease the tension. Thank you, Mario, for your dedication to the class and the Leadership Stockton Program.

LS Class of 2020 Project Update

Leadership Stockton Class of 2020's project is finally complete! The LS2020 class choose to renovate and renew the amphitheater at the Micke Grove Zoo. The idea was to create a space for the Education Department to be able to educate more children, in a larger and more inviting environment. Also, with the new shade structure built by Diede Construction, more animal shows can be held for children and classes. Birthday parties are also poised to make a comeback in the new area, which was a staple at MGZ in the pre-covid world. The class raised approximately \$80,000 between cash and in-kind donations and put in over 250 hours of sweat equity!

Micke Grove Zoo was long overdue for some attention from the community and LS2020 hopes that this project will spark the fire to continue improving the zoo from the county and with donations from the public.



Outgoing President's Message

Time Marches On



What a ride it has been! Graduation in 2017, board involvement immediately, two years as your President—what an honor! Although the universe had different plans for us these past sixteen months, this great City of ours and the LS Program showed such resilience! You'll read about the Class of '20s project update thanks to Timm, and you'll hear from incoming President, Jordan Giannoni-Harless about their victories and what's to come. I'd like to personally thank all of you for continuing to stay engaged, whether it's through dues contributions, advocacy for the program in your workplace, volunteer engagement, or simply being a conduit between all that's good GREAT about Stockton and those who may not know just how much.

As I leave this Board in incredibly capable hands, please continue to be advocates for Stockton, the Chamber, the LS Program AND the Alumni Association. One of my Class of '17 classmates always said #StrongerTogether and I couldn't agree more. Thanks for keeping LSAA strong. We look forward to serving the membership and Alumni this year with the classics as well as some new and innovative programming. Hope to see you there!

-Karen Amestoy, Class of 2017

LS Class of 2020 Retreat



Class of 21/22 Postponed

After much deliberation and thought, the Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce has decided to postpone the Leadership Stockton Class of 2021-22 for another year. Please look for the Leadership Stockton Class of 2022-23 application and dates in early 2022, with the new class to begin in August 2022.

Incoming President's Message



Dear LSAA Family,

As Karen Amestoy draws her tenure as President of the board to a close, I am excited and honored to be transitioning into the role. I know I have big shoes to fill, as Karen accomplished so much as our leader, but I aspire to continue her work in helping LSAA streamline processes, increase membership, support our future LS cohorts, and most importantly, serve this wonderful community that we call home.

With your counsel, my goal is to help shape the future of our organization as the Stockton community turns the corner on conquering the Covid-19 crisis. While our city has demonstrated resilience, there are many citizens and organizations that need help more than ever before. We have a very unique opportunity to decide, as an organization, where and how we're going to show up as a force of love and support for Stockton.

If we move forward with passion and unity, I know we'll continue to make a tremendous impact as an organization. I look forward to getting better acquainted with each of you and serving alongside you in the years to come.

Warmly,
Jordan Giannoni Harless, Class of 2020

Current Board Members

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| Jordan Giannoni Harless | President | Class of 2020 |
| Shayne Brown | Vice President | Class of 2020 |
| Shauna Buzunis-Jacob | Secretary | Class of 2017 |
| Melissa Flores | Treasurer | Class of 2018 |
| Karen Amestoy | Past President | Class of 2017 |
| Anna Sass | Board Member | Class of 2016 |
| Annie Cunial | Board Member | Class of 2018 |
| Chad Marcigan | Board Member | Class of 2018 |
| Dot Lofstrom | Board Member | Class of 2018 |
| Lindsay Bureaux | Board Member | Class of 2017 |
| Megan Hall | Board Member | Class of 2017 |
| Rames Creel | Board Member | Class of 2015 |
| Rebecca Sem | Board Member | Class of 2016 |
| Roy Park | Board Member | Class of 2018 |
| Sarah Taft | Board Member | Class of 2019 |
| Timm Quinn | Board Member | Class of 2008 |
| Toby Farnsworth | Board Member | Class of 2015 |

21/22 Upcoming Calendar

September: Member Rendezvous

October: Fall Social & Membership Drive

December: Holiday Mixer & Toy Drive

February: 10th Annual LS Bowling Fundraiser

March/April: Spring Day of Action

June: Community Leadership Breakfast

INVOICE



August 1, 2021

Annual Membership

PO Box 249
Stockton, CA 95201
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MEMBER BENEFITS

Complimentary admission to all LSAA Mixers
Complimentary admission to the Annual Day of Action
Discount admission pricing to the Annual Community Leadership Breakfast
Opportunity to advertise YOUR business or non-profit event in the LSAA monthly e-newsletter
Logo baseball cap

Eligibility to attend (for FREE) the Westgate Center for Leadership Development Nonprofit Board Training (Fall or Spring)
Eligibility to nominate a Distinguished Alumni of the Year
Eligibility to serve as a Committee member, Committee chair or Director (as available)

PAYMENT TERMS

Due upon receipt.
You may also make your payment at
www.lsalumni.com/dues

DESCRIPTION

LINE TOTAL

Annual Membership Dues

\$50

Donation

\$ _____

Total

Do we have your current information?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____

LS Graduation Year: _____