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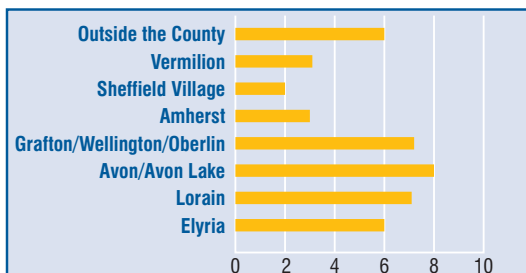
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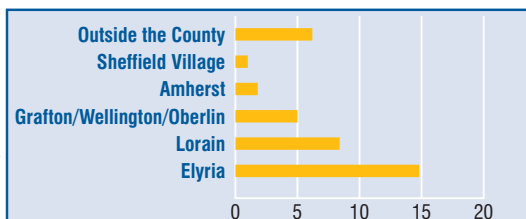
Welcome Class of 2009!

The 24th Class of Leadership Lorain County has been selected and will begin their leadership journey on August 13th, when our annual Orientation/Road Rally will take place. This year the Class is an extraordinary representation of the region. Their ages range from our four high school students to the adult participants who span late twenties to mid fifties. This group will also represent the region of Northeast Ohio. Members are required to either live or work in Lorain County and have an interest in serving this community. The class of 2009 will have 18 men, 24 women with 21% being minorities. They represent business, manufacturing, healthcare, education, finance, environmental services, law and government, IT, social services and the arts. The diversity of this group will create lively discussion, expanding vision, challenging perspectives, and wonderful friendships. Thank you to the interview team of LLC alumni who helped us to create this dynamic group for the coming year!

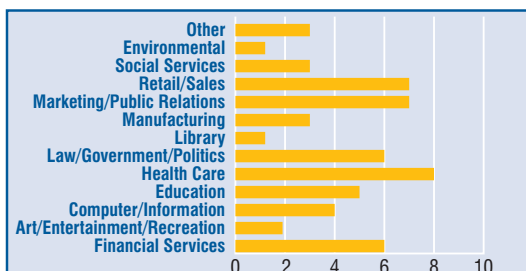
Where We Live



Where We Work



Business Classification



2009 Class of

Chakakhan Abston
Dori Baki
Mark Ballard
Sarah Bookner
Nicole Campana
Annie Carstarphen
Paul Carte
Nommo Combs

Jim Crawford
Steven Evans
Catherine Gabe

Selina Gaddis
Edwin Garcia
Kyle Gelenius
Michael Giuliano
Virginia Hayes
Paul Heironymus
Lisa Hutson
Scott Isaacs
Arlene Jaroscak
Marcia Jones
James Leone
Susan Lewis
Teresa Linick
Jennifer Marple
Zoe Metcalf
Christopher Mosely
Nick Mroz
Jonathan Nagy
Reuben Nodal

Nick Pakosz
Denise Roe
Spencer Ryan
Rosemary Schestag
Elizabeth Schultz
Sarah Sharp
Holly Spitz
Kendall Szulewski-Francis
Cara Turner
Jim Walborn
Victoria Wearsch
Brian Yorko

Lorain County Community Action Agency
Neurosurgical Services
Congresswoman Betty Sutton's Office
Student, Midview High School
Student, Elyria Catholic High School
Lorain County Auditor's Office
Lorain National Bank
Community Health Partners-Community Cancer Center
Eaton Corporation
ComDoc, Inc.
Catholic Charities Community Services/Lorain County
Lorain County Community College
Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority
Lorain Police Department
Nordson Corporation
Lorain County Community Alliance
Educational Service Center of Lorain County
First Place Bank
DPSciences
Wesleyan Village
Lorain County Community College
Prudential Financial
Wesleyan Village
Key Bank-Private Bank
Lorain County Childrens Services
Common Ground Center
Goodwill Industries
Fifth Third Bank
Student, Midview High School
Premier Group of The American
Eagle Mortgage Company
Ross Environmental Services
Easter Seals Northern Ohio
Ryan-St. Marie Insurance Agency
Lorain County Community College
Oberlin Heritage Center
Lorain County Metro Parks
Neighborhood House Association
Student, Lake Ridge Academy
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Banyon Technology
Community Health Partners
Allen Community Hospital

Mehco Custom Printing

Mehco Custom Printing, Inc. has been a great partner with Leadership Lorain County since 1999 when Steve Hosler joined the Class that year. Steve's experience led him to be selected as his class's representative on the Board of Directors where he is now serving for the second time. He also serves on the Alumni and Fund Development Committees and has co-chaired the annual golf fundraiser since 2001. According to Steve the contacts made through LLC have led him to other service as well. Goodwill Industries and Elyria Rotary are other organizations who have benefitted from Steve's board participation. Scott Hosler, Steve's brother, is a graduate of the Class of 2001. Scott serves on the LLC Program Committee. Both men exemplify the leadership and service that we strive to foster.

Mehco produces business forms and stationary products as well as full color commercial printing, advertising specialties and corporate apparel. In addition, their graphic design services are second to none. Since Mehco has been working with Leadership Lorain County, LLC has received four awards from the Community Leadership Association for printed materials, which also includes this newsletter "Leadership Connection". Scott says, "Our business continues to evolve, as we adapt to

the changes in technology. It allows us to offer real time online ordering and inventory management, company stores, office products, fulfillment and electronic proofing. We are a complete print management solution."

Mike Hosler, Mehco's founder and father of Steve and Scott, says, "In these harsh economic times, it's important for our clients to know that we will be there for them. There have been multiple printing companies that have either sold out or gone out of business in the last several years. We have established ourselves over the last 26 years and with both sons' involvement, we will continue to provide this service for many years to come."

The goal of Mehco Custom Printing is to be recognized as the premier printing company in the area. Steve recognized in 1999 that the quickest route to establishing that recognition would be through success with organizations that have made a commitment to an organization like Leadership Lorain County.



Mehco Custom Printing owners Steve Hosler '99, Mike Hosler and Scott Hosler '01

Leadership Lorain County counts Mehco Custom Printing and the Mehco family among our strongest supporters. Thank you for all you do and for being the first company to sponsor the publication of this newsletter.

alumni profile



Bob Rees

Bob Rees, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Lorain County, has remained active in Leadership Lorain County ever since his participation in the Class of 2000. In addition to sending other key staff through our Signature Program, Bob has hosted visits to his site, presented programs to our summer interns and graciously offered his time to us whenever his services were requested. He is always on the lookout for ways to help the clients of his

organization and the community at large.

Bob is an interesting man with many talents. As the leader of Goodwill Industries in Lorain County, he offers education, training and career services for people with disadvantages. Goodwill, under his leadership, has four retail stores and will soon open their first boutique in North Ridgeway.

Bob also entertains audiences as a professional Magician/Speaker and Entertainer. Bob says, "I began a

second avocation as a trades show pitchman and part time professional magician/entertainer . . . infotainer. As such I have had the opportunity to travel extensively and work with and for other major celebrities such as David Copperfield, Harry Blackstone Jr, Lance Burton and national best selling author, Joel Bauer ("How to Persuade People Who Don't Want to Be Persuaded")."

Bob's Triple Type A personality does not allow him to stop here; he also writes books for the business audience and the entertainment field. *Take Action! The Secret to Success & Wealth on Demand, Creating Customers for Life: A Serious Business Owner's Guide, Rees's Pieces, a training manual for Magicians, and Confessions of a Garage Magician* are all currently available. Another book is in production and will emphasize "image" and "branding", both personal and corporate.

Some of Bob's other activities and affiliations include:
Lorain Rotary
National Rifle Association
H.O.G. Charitable Organizations Representative
Paladin Knights-Veterans Services Organization, Corporate Board Member
Patriot Guard Riders – (Voluntary Fallen Vet's Honor Guard)
Ordained Christian Minister

And . . . in his spare time, he plays guitar!!!!

youth alumni

Where are they now?

Kyle Abraham, while attending Oberlin High School, had the opportunity to be a participant in the LLC Class of 1996, which was the first leadership class to include high school students. Recently we were able to connect with Kyle who now is a Captain in the USAF, and currently holds the position of Defense Counsel for Eielson AFB, AK. Kyle noted that he views his experience with LLC as the start of his career path as he met and interacted with professionals in the field of law. After graduating from Willamette University in Oregon with a Juris Doctorate, a Master of Business Administration, and a certificate in dispute resolution in 2005, Kyle worked as a Deputy District Attorney and as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for Langley AFB before going to Alaska.

In his communication to LLC, Kyle noted, "I appreciate the opportunity to share my Leadership Lorain County (LLC) experience with you. I was in the class of 1996, and I was one of the four high school students who first participated in LLC. It was an incredible experience as a high school student, and I am not exaggerating when I say, being part of Leadership Lorain County changed my life. Let me share just a few specific examples of how LLC shaped who I am today.

First, LLC provided a forum where I was viewed as a peer, not merely the token high school kid, by individuals shaping my community. Naturally, this was a very maturing experience. With that added confidence, I was able to meet challenges as I began my own professional life.

Daniel G. Ortiz is currently the media and outreach specialist for Ohio Youth Voices. Daniel has worked as an educator, organizer, and public relations staff for a nonprofit start-up. His work experience has benefited from early exposure to great mentors. Danny was part of the Leadership Lorain County Class of 2000 and has continued to grow and do outreach in the community as an alumnus. After LLC, Daniel went to Oberlin College and graduated in 2005 with a degree in Religion & Latin American Studies. While at Oberlin Daniel held a prestigious Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship focusing on Liberation Theology. Life after Oberlin brought Daniel back to Lorain where he taught in Lorain City Schools at Fairhome Academy and worked volunteering with Reclaim Lorain. During this time Ortiz created a curriculum for a film project to work with youth but postponed production until arriving at Lorain Early College High School at Lorain County Community College in 2007. Daniel's passion is focused on the principles of clear communication and building relationships to accomplish goals together within communities. This led him to his current

Second, I was able to learn about and discuss topics that affected Lorain County, a community I have always called home. It was an exceptional opportunity to hear directly from the local industry leaders. Gaining such exposure instilled a sense of pride for Lorain County I never had before LLC. In fact, it made my decision to pursue a graduate program in Oregon very difficult.

Third, LLC instilled a sense of civic responsibility. I have a deep belief that everyone can and should make a positive difference in their community, and I trace the roots of that belief back to my involvement with LLC."

All of us at LLC are very proud of Kyle and the work that he is now doing. He is an example of why Leadership Lorain County is so committed to including high school students in our Signature Leadership Program. If you would like to get in touch with Kyle, you can email him at: kyletabraham@hotmail.com. He would be happy to answer any questions about the legal career field or the military as a profession.

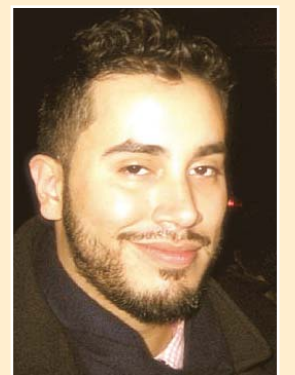


Captain Kyle Abraham '96

role with Ohio Youth Voices where he works as advocate on initiatives involving education policy, class & race relations, and civic leadership & involvement.

Daniel is working as Media and Outreach Specialist for Ohio Youth Voices and is a freelance editor, writer, and documentarian. He is also assisting LLC in developing our youth curriculum.

If you would like to contact Danny you can reach him at 440-832-1196 or Daniel.g.ortiz@gmail.com



Daniel G. Ortiz '00

Summer Intern Program

The 2008 Leadership Lorain County Summer Interns are a very diverse group of individuals who represent many of the communities in Lorain County and several colleges in and out of the state of Ohio. They bring a broad knowledge base that includes art and humanities, criminal justice, economics and accounting, education, and public health. All interns attend weekly seminars and workshops designed to enhance advancement in their chosen careers as well as gain on-the-job training through their work with the local non-profit agencies. In addition, their meeting places move them around the County so they can become more familiar with the many assets of our community. On July 25th the interns completed their community service requirement by assisting the Lorain County Board of Mental Health with a dinner which brought homeless and the community together to learn more about this growing issue of concern for Lorain County.

The 2008 Interns are:

- Amanda Akers – Lorain County Historical Society
- Jeff Denham – Lorain County Community Action Agency
- Cameron Fitzpatrick – Neighborhood House
- Mary Moroney – Oberlin Heritage Center
- Amanda Oakes – Lorain County Metro Parks
- April Palmer – Common Ground
- Whitney Ryba – Firelands Association for the Visual Arts
- Giovanna Scaletta – Ohio State University Extension
- Meghan Schaeffer – Elyria City Health Department
- Kaitlin Smith – Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Paul Thompson – Main Street Vermilion
- Mary Kate Walcott – Easter Seals

Our Deepest Gratitude!

Leadership Lorain County thanks the following corporations and businesses for their contributions at the \$1,000 level and higher during our 2007-2008 fiscal year. **The Champions of Leadership corporate giving program is an opportunity for community-minded businesses to provide vital support for Leadership Lorain County's mission and programming. As valued partners with Leadership Lorain County, their general mission support helps us continue to create positive change within our communities.** For more information on how your company can participate, please contact Kristen Jones at (440) 366-4700.

We gratefully acknowledge and recognize their generous support!

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| Lorain County Community College | Sprenger Retirement Centers |
| Lorain County Prosecutor's Office | STAR, Inc. |

*Our Champions of Leadership company logos and links to their websites are displayed in rotation on our website at www.leadershiploraincounty.com. Please visit regularly!



YES!

YOUTH EMBRACING SUCCESS

Leadership Lorain County launched a new program that will be supporting the Governor's Initiative for increasing the graduation rate through the Lorain City Schools "Close the Gap" Program. Thirty-seven boys at risk for dropping out of school are spending six days this summer and one day a month throughout the school year learning about what the future could hold for them if they choose to stay in school. Leadership Lorain County will share a winning model with these boys and that is to get them out into the community to see what is available, to provide an opportunity for them to interact with leaders and be mentored by successful role models, and to give back to their community through service. LLC alumni are key to the success of this program and they have already given of their time very willingly and generously. They have shared information about their careers and job opportunities; they have provided interesting and interactive experiences like tours, discussions on the first and fourth amendments of the constitution, and hands on activities like a Lego robotic competition. Once again Leadership Lorain County and its committed membership are making a difference in the community. In this case they may just change the lives of some young people!

Expanding our reach out to youth has been a goal of LLC's most recent strategic plan. It coincides with the regions efforts to increase academic excellence and workforce preparation. Working with the school systems is a new approach for Leadership Lorain County but one that holds great promise and opportunity.

- Photo 1* Judge John Musson '03 greets YES! students at the Elyria Municipal Court Building.
- Photo 2* Judge John Musson '03 leads YES! students on a tour of the Elyria Municipal Building.
- Photo 3* Daniel Ortiz '00 addresses the YES! students at Leadership Lorain County.



We thank our area Foundations for their continued vote of confidence in our mission:

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| Community Foundation of Lorain County | Nordson Corporation Foundation |
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We are also sincerely grateful to the following businesses and organizations that have supported Leadership Lorain County through special event sponsorships at the \$1,000 level and higher.

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| DeLuca's Place in the Park | (Friends of) Lorain County Community Action Agency | Verizon Wireless |
| EMH Regional Healthcare System | Lorain County Community College | Wachovia Securities – Westlake office |
| Fifth Third Bank | | Wickens, Herzer, Panza, Cook & Batista Co. |
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Dining for a Difference

What do a Sunday Brunch, an Outdoor Clambake, a Western Barbeque and a Formal Dinner Party all have in common? They can all be fundraisers for Leadership Lorain County! This year, to help raise the vital funds needed to expand our youth leadership programming in the schools, we invite YOU to host a party that will benefit Leadership Lorain County. This event was held for many years, but has not been a regular occurrence in the county for quite some time. To make things simpler, we invite our Party Hosts to schedule their party on any date during the year that is convenient for them!

There is no limit to the type of dinner party ideas or the scope of your guest list, and we would encourage hosts to be as creative as possible! Some ideas might include an outdoor barbeque, a formal dinner party, a "theme party", a party at a marina or other venue! Throughout the year, we will feature the parties in our newsletter and on the website – you might even win a prize for having the Most Creative party, the Most Outrageous idea, the Most Extravagant Menu, the Greatest Number of Guests or the Highest Amount Raised! Our first scheduled party is being hosted in September by Joni Marra, Amy DeLuca and Sue Kaczay – all graduates of the Class of 2008!

If you would like more information on how you might also be the host of a fun and exciting party for Leadership Lorain County, please contact Kristen Jones at (440) 366-4700 for more information!

llc events past



Left: Gail Stumphauer presenting Father Bill Thaden the Jephtha Carrell Award at the 2008 Class Graduation

Below: Members of the Class of 2008 having fun at their closing retreat



The Leadership Society

LLC Alumni asked for it: A way to stay connected with LLC alumni after graduation and to work on more community service projects. By joining the **newly restructured** Leadership Society, you as an alumnus, can stay engaged and can participate in a community service project.

Important facts about The Leadership Society:

Mission: To support the community by sustained involvement of committed leaders.

Community Service: Submission of community service ideas will come from, and be selected by, the members of The Leadership Society. All members will serve on at least one community service project team.

Membership: All LLC Alumni are invited to join. Must be a member of the Leadership League (dues-paying alumni) and submit a \$50 registration fee.

Meeting Times:

September 18, 8 to 11 am. Opening retreat with project selection • **November 20, 8 to 9:30 am** • **January 15, 8 to 9:30am** • **March 19, 8 to 9:30 am** • **May 14, 8 to 11 am.** Closing celebration and project presentation

I'm interested! How do I register to be a member of The Leadership Society?

Submit your application for the LS with your membership registration application being mailed at the end of July.

Or **register online** at www.leadershiploraincounty.com, and click on the alumni member on line registration Quick Links.

Stay Connected with your Leaders League Membership!

Join the LEADERS LEAGUE today to help us continue to foster lifelong leaders who serve as catalysts for positive change, and help us continue to develop new ways to involve alumni in the life of Leadership Lorain County! By becoming a member of the LEADERS LEAGUE of Leadership Lorain County, you are entitled to many benefits of your alumni membership as described in the brochure! Your generous support of Leadership Lorain County through your active membership is important in many ways:

- Helps us continue to send our graduates out to serve the vital and basic needs of our community
- Helps provide scholarship dollars that supplement the tuition costs of every class member
- Helps us to stay on the cutting-edge of leadership programming
- Helps us continue to provide new educational opportunities for our alumni
- Helps us take action when opportunities when projects of impact present themselves

Basic membership begins at \$75 and include member-only discounts to social and educational events, the current edition of the printed alumni directory, online alumni directory access, and more!

This year, your active alumni membership also entitles you to register for participation in The Leadership Society at a reduced rate! LLC alumni asked for a way to stay connected after graduation, and to work on more community service projects. By joining the newly restructured Leadership Society, you, as an alumnus, can stay engaged and participate in one or more community service projects! Look for more information in the alumni membership brochure that arrived in your mailbox in July! You can also join online at www.leadershiploraincounty.com.

In Memoriam

Eric Nord, 90, of Oberlin passed away June 19, 2008. Mr. Nord was one of the founders of Leadership Lorain County in 1984. At that time, he and other local leaders envisioned an organization with the goal of fostering new leadership to carry on the cooperative spirit of community involvement throughout Lorain County and Northeast Ohio, which became the of mission of Leadership Lorain County.

The Eric Nord Award for Excellence in Community Leadership, established by LLC in 1996, recognizes a distinguished citizen and community leader who has given extraordinary amounts of time and talent to the community and exemplifies service and civic support. Each year at the Difference Makers Gala, a person is honored whose life reflects the values of the award.

Ronald Rucker, 60, of Sheffield Lake, passed away on April 13, 2008, after a long illness. After coming to Ohio to work with IBM, Ron became very involved in civic and community activities. He was a graduate of the LLC Leadership Class of 1989.

Harriet Arnold, 70, of Oberlin, passed away on April 14, 2008 following a long illness. Mrs. Arnold was involved in many aspects of her community including being a Charter Member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, a former Mayor of Oberlin, a teacher, and was in the first Leadership Lorain County Class of 1985.

William R. Randall, 62, of Elyria, died suddenly Saturday May 10, 2008. Mr. Randall, a graduate of the Leadership Lorain County Class of 2002, retired in 2007 as Superintendent of Lorain County Joint Vocational School.

LLC 2008-09 Board of Directors

Leadership Lorain County has named four new individuals to our Board of Directors: Maria Zolli '98, Joni Marra '08, Steve Hosler '99, and Randy Fortin. We also congratulate officers for the coming year; Dr. Karen Wells '03, Chair; Dr. Cathy Pugh '07, Vice Chair; Annie Heidersbach '01, Secretary; and Lynn Koster '05, Treasurer. Thank you to Terry Goode '04, our outgoing Chair; Pat Lawson '04, Marketing Chair; Rocky Campana '03; and Lee Kolczun '87, former Chair, who have fulfilled their terms and leave a legacy of admirable service to our board. Thank you to all of these people and our entire board for the work they do for Leadership Lorain County.

The 2008-2009 Leadership Lorain County Board of Directors Roster

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