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Alumni Party Set For December 1

Thursday December 1

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Swim & Racquet Club, 3500 Kenny Road

If it's getting cold outside, it must be time for the annual Leadership UA Alumni Party. This is your opportunity to meet the new class and mingle with old friends. Building on last year's success, we will once again be at The Swim and Racquet Club at 3500 Kenny Rd. The fun starts at 6:00 PM.

Plan to attend and if you make a contribution of at least \$25 (annual dues) you are eligible to enter three drawings for great prizes. Additional raffle tickets will be available for a nominal price and you can increase your chances of winning with more tickets.

We always have great food and plenty of liquid libations. All we need is you to make the evening perfect. Bring your spouse or a friend that might be interested in our program. Everybody gets in for your one donation, which of course, is tax deductible.

You may wonder where your Alumni dues go. Your dues allow other individuals to participate in Leadership Upper Arlington. Many companies have cut their education and marketing budgets therefore the responsibility falls on the individual to pay their way. We don't ever want to say no to someone who is interested in participating in Leadership UA so help us help future Leadership UA alums!

The Alumni committee worked really hard on the party. Cathe Armstrong, Eileen Martin, Ed Seidel and Deborah Taylor hope to see you there. RSVPs are requested, please let Peggy know you are coming (470-2764 or execdir@leadershipua.org). See page two for more details.

What can you win?

- 3 days at a Lake Erie beach house
- Columbus Blue Jacket tickets
- Round of golf
- Gift Certificates at your favorite UA restaurants
- An original watercolor
- Upper Arlington landmark afghan and more!

Alumni Party Raffle Tickets

Here's how the raffle works:

Send in one ticket with your dues donation and we will put it in a random prize category.

Or come to the event with all three tickets (and your dues donation) and increase your chances of winning.

Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____

_____ thinks this is a great idea and has enclosed a check for \$_____.

Guests are welcome; bring a friend or your spouse for no charge.

I / we/ plan to / or /cannot attend the event.
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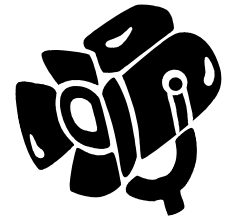
Desire receipt? Yes No

Minimum suggested donation for Alumni dues is \$25 per year, which is tax deductible.

**Please detach form and bring it with you or mail in your donation to:
 Leadership UA PO Box 21190, UA OH 43221**

Please RSVP : 470-2764, or PLC@columbus.rr.com

Alumni Spotlight ...Jim Winfree



UALP Graduation Year: 1989

Family: Married to Liz (also a Leadership UA alum)
 Three children, Ben, Allyson, James

Years in UA: 25

Reason for moving to UA:
 School, Location, Community

Occupation
 Executive Director, School Employees Retirement System

Community Leadership Experiences
 City Council, last 8 years
 President, Upper Arlington Civic Association
 President, Upper Arlington Leadership Program

Explain your leadership philosophy
 Don't ask people to do things that you wouldn't do.

Most rewarding public service
 My current day job

Most memorable thing/event/incident in UALP
 Learning about community agencies

Something about you that nobody knows
 I'll never tell!

Best place to shop in UA
 Lane Avenue

Favorite hangouts
 Graeters and The Rusty Bucket

Single most useful piece of advice given to you
 Do the best that you can and leave the rest to God.

And, by whom?
 My wife Liz

Advice you'd give to someone just moving into UA
 Get involved in the community

Most recent
 Book read: "1776" by David McCullough
 Movie see: "The Passion"

Hobbies
 Gardening, exercise, watching OSU sports

What you'd like people to know about being a City Council Member
 Upper Arlington does not own Kingsdale Shopping Center and it is up to the owner to initiate change.

Schaefer Honored at Annual Leadership Event

Superintendent of UA Schools, Dr. William Schaefer received the ninth annual Margine Moul Leadership Award on October 22. The reception was held at the Professional Planning Consultants offices on Horizons Drive.

Dr. Schaefer, pictured right with his wife Michelle, said he was “particularly proud to receive this honor because of the past recipients and their extensive contributions to Upper Arlington.” Priscilla Mead, the 2004 Honoree, presented the award and noted Dr. Schaefer’s many accomplishments.

Sixty five attendees enjoyed a lavish buffet prepared by **First Community Village** and enjoyed music by high school junior Jeff Benetar. Many thanks to Professional Planning Consultants for use of their beautiful space and our sponsors **National City Bank** and Alan Starr and his company **Contrak**. Proceeds from the event go the general operating fund.



Adult Program News

Orientation for the Adult program was held at The Forum at Knightsbridge. After dinner, Leadership grad Elaine Buck shared her knowledge about the history of Upper Arlington.

The retreat was once again at Camp Akita and despite the early October date the weather did not cooperate. We spent Friday afternoon and evening with facilitator Brad Mitchell learning about each other through the process of Human Dynamics. Saturday morning the class participated in three hours of teambuilding exercises. Most agreed it was all worthwhile, except perhaps when someone got dropped! This group proved to be very creative during these exercises impressing the facilitator more than once with new solutions to old problems.

In early November we held class at the new YWCA Family Center for the Homeless located on the east side of Columbus. After a tour of the facility and a quick lesson on homelessness in our community, OSU professor Chester Bowling led the discussion on Integrity. The class was extremely interested in the new center and the homeless problems facing our area.

“The Art of Possibility” was the topic for mid November and the session was led by Assistant Superintendent of UA Schools and Leadership UA Trustee, Debi Binkley. Jeff Hay, founder of the Material Assistance Providers (MAP), a local furniture donation bank spoke to the class to illustrating a real life art of possibility story.

The class doesn’t meet again for a full session until January and then serious project discussions will be underway.



Members of the Class of 2006 at orientation.

Alumni Corner

- Have great news to share with other Leadership grads?
- Know of an organization in need of volunteers?
- Want to suggest a topic for the newsletter?

Send your information (including picture if you wish) to execdir@leadershipua.org and we’ll include it in our next newsletter.

Introducing the Class of 2006

Davidde Burkhart recently returned to the Midwest after spending six years in Austin, TX working for Dell Computer and is thrilled to be "back home" with family and friends. She grew up in Centerville, Ohio and after completing her B.S. at the University of Dayton in Finance and Marketing joined Anderson Consulting to begin a 15-year career in technology. Most recently, Davidde was a Sales General Manager for Microsoft.

With her husband Jim Mazzola and 10-year-old black Labrador retriever, Tahoe, Davidde is now focusing her energies on getting more involved in the community and beginning a family. She enjoys traveling, art, hiking, and current events. Secretly, she is an organizational fanatic and often spends free time helping others organize their homes.

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Meghan Ewing is newly married and has lived in Columbus for over 3 years. Her husband John is a fourth year medical student at Ohio State University.

Originally from Dayton, Ohio, she attended Ohio University and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Since then, she has added a MSW from Ohio State, and currently works for National Church Residences (NCR) where she serves as the Quality Assurance Program Manager in the Department of Support Services.

Megan also oversees the OSU Department of Social Work student intern program at NCR, and loves her job! She enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and running. Megan is a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training where she served as the Head Mentor and has completed two marathons with TNT. She recently completed her third marathon, the Marine Corps Marathon with her sister, Hannah. She also enjoys volunteering in the community, and is a member of the Junior League of Columbus.

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Angela Grywalski attended high school at Westerville High School and went on to Otterbein College, OSU and Columbus State. Prior to becoming a Real Estate professional, she worked for 20 years in the fields of sales and marketing.

Angela met her husband, Joe, approximately 9 years ago at a swing dance class. Joe has 3 lovely daughters who are all serious dancers and have involvement in choreography and the arts.

She has always had the dream of a family-owned business, so with Angela's strong background in sales and marketing, they set out to provide an outstanding Real Estate service to help homeowners get the job of selling done.

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Jane Higgins grew up in Sandusky and has been a resident of UA since 1997. She and her husband, Jeff Marx, live on Collingswood Road. Jane practices law at Carlile Patchen & Murphy LLP in the areas of estate planning, probate and taxation.

She graduated from Denison University in 1997 with a B.A. in Economics and English Literature, and in 2000 received her J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Jane is a member of the board of Making Connections and a member of the Junior League of Columbus and is a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory Church.

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Linda Kiser Was born and raised in Texas, and earned both a B.B.A. and a Master of Professional Accounting from University of Texas at Austin. Three years ago, her husband was transferred after a company merger, and she moved from Dallas to Upper Arlington. She is a C.P.A., and in a previous life owned a public accounting firm for a number of years.

More recently, she has been raising her pre-teen tax exemption, and has been involved in community service activities (Girl Scouts, Destination Imagination, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, etc.). Linda is a Girl Scout leader and enjoys canoeing, hiking and whitewater rafting.

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Dave Lukas grew up in the Akron area. He is the eldest of three. Dave went to Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea and received a degree in Business Finance and Business Management. He also earned a minor in Economics. He was a 3- year football letterman there.

Dave is single, but has a great girlfriend. He came to Columbus and started his own business, and now works for Paychex. He is responsible for the management of sales and operations throughout UA and Grandview. Dave enjoys anything outdoors, staying in shape, snow skiing, playing guitar, and reading.

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Jim Mazzola moved to Upper Arlington from Austin, Texas, in 2003 to be closer to his family and join Cardinal Health as vice president of Public Relations. Jim was born in Michigan, but grew up in Cleveland and attended college at the University of Dayton where he earned his bachelor's degree in Communication and master's degree in Business Administration.

While still in college, he began his career with NCR Corp., in Dayton, where he worked for nearly 8 years managing public relations for several divisions of the company. In 1998, Jim and his wife, Davidde, were recruited by Dell Computer and relocated to Austin.

Jim enjoys the outdoors, is an avid skier (the only office he's ever held is president of his high school's ski club!), and spends his free time with his wife and their dog, a 10-year-old Labrador retriever named Tahoe.

Jim joined the UA Leadership program to learn more about Upper Arlington and become more involved in the community.

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Nikki McNary moved to Dublin a year ago and just bought a house on Tremont so her family could move back to UA. Currently, she is helping her husband with marketing his financial consulting services at Smith Barney. She is also enjoying spending time with her son, Connor, who just entered kindergarten. Prior to this "lifestyle" shift, Nikki ran a small research-oriented business called Business Intelligence Associates for 14 years. She is originally from the Cleveland area and moved to Columbus after graduating from Miami University (Ohio) in 1981.

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Leslie Meyer is originally from Cincin-

Eighteen Diverse Individuals

nati. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University with BA in Psychology and a Masters in Social Science and Administration from Case Western Reserve University.

Leslie relocated to Columbus in 1993 and worked in Upper Arlington as a social worker primarily with the older adult population, and moved to Upper Arlington in 1999. In 2001, she founded her own company, Passage Insights, and became a Certified Professional Coach. Leslie finds it rewarding to work with clients who want to make positive changes in their lives.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends and has been a season ticket holder with the Columbus Crew since 1999. During the last few years her coaching has sparked an interest in learning more about alternative therapies and how eastern and western medicine compliment each other.

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Jeff Nelson has 18 years experience in information technology and joined the city of UA staff last January as the Director of IT services. He spent six years in the United States Air Force as a cryptologic linguist and stationed in the United Kingdom.

After military service, Jeff started as manager of Case Western Reserve University Libraries' computer labs where he supported IT in a wide variety of markets such as advertising, manufacturing, and finance.

In the past he has managed Help Desk functions, been a network engineer, network manager, senior consultant, IT manager, and, prior to coming to Upper Arlington was an information technology security analyst for National City Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio

Jeff holds a degree in Interpreting and Translating from the University of Maryland. He is a member of Infragard, The Northern Ohio Information Technology Roundtable, the Public Technology Institute and the Information Systems Security Association.

Kristen Ober and her family; husband Tom, 5 yr old Lauren, and grandmother Betty, reside in Upper Arlington. She says her family moved to UA from Clin-

tonville about a 1½ years ago because she and Tom wanted Lauren to attend school in the UA district. Kristen is starting to realize that there's much more to UA than the school district. She feels that UA is a safe place to live, that there is a commonality of values among the residents and the opportunities that are available in the City allow a person to grow.

Kristen is very devoted to her position as the Membership Director of The Upper Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce.

Most of Kristen's free time is spent with her daughter. She also mentors a teen from the Grove City area and helps her husband Tom run his business, Tom the Handyman.

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Matt Petersen is originally from Burton, Ohio, a small rural community. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS in Biology in 1997. He went to work as a special education aide for the UA schools and during that time and through 2004, Matt was the Local Coordinator for the UA Special Olympics program and coached several different sports.

He taught science to at Jones Middle School and obtained a Masters in Educational Policy and Leadership. He was hired as Asst. Principal at Jones Middle School in 2004. He continues to be impressed with the value placed on our children and their education.

On some personal notes, he has a beautiful wife, Kimberly, and two lovely and energetic daughters, Isabelle, 3, and Leah, 1. His family enjoys traveling, spending time with friends, and staying active in their church and community. However, with three ladies in the house, most of their time is spent playing dress up, singing and dancing...

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Evan Price was born in Cincinnati, lived in Nashville, TN, and Brecksville Oh before finishing high school in Ft. Lauderdale. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1988 and the University of Florida College of Law in 1991.

While at Dartmouth, he spent the summer of Donna Rice, Fawn Hall and Robert Bork working in Washington DC

as a bicycle courier. Though he survived, it was many years before he road a bike again.

Price is with the law firm of Bailey Cavalieri. He and his wife Margaret have three children and have been UA residents since 1999.

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Lynette Santoro-Au has been with the City of Upper Arlington since the spring of 2001 where she now serves as the Arts Manager. She brings a wealth of experience having worked in the arts for the past 20 years in a variety of paid and volunteer positions and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University.

"One of my goals as Arts Manager is to make the arts more accessible to our community," Lynette said. "I am very excited to have the opportunity to work for the City of Upper Arlington and look forward to utilizing my creativity, passion, and talents for the advancement of the arts."

When not working with the City of Upper Arlington, Lynette can be found volunteering for the Columbus Arts Festival or as a board member of the Columbus Arts Marketing Association, Waste Not Center, Greater Columbus Events Council, National Association of Independent Artists Directors Forum and Ohio Community Service Council.

In her spare time Lynette enjoys being with her family: children, daughter Kael-17, son Cameron-10 and husband Randall. The Aus enjoy classic movies, road trips and the outdoors.

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Jennifer Seidel is a life long resident of UA. A 1997 UAHS graduate, she attended Ohio University and received a BA in Political Science. Seidel is currently an Administrative Aide for State Representative Tom Raga, the Vice-Chairman of Finance and Appropriations Committee in the Ohio House of Representatives. She is the Daughter of Ed and Marcie Seidel, Leadership UA alumni and Margine Moul Award winners.

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Diane Sturges was an only child born into a military family, and started school

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in Misowa, Japan. Diane says she is lucky to have lived in many different locales here and abroad.

She met her husband, Scott at Ohio Wesleyan University. They have made Upper Arlington home for almost 30 years. "What a great community and the UA Leadership Program is a wonderful example of the opportunities to grow here."

Diane works at the Grandview Library in the Youth Services area. She has served on boards of several non-profit groups including the League of Women Voters of Metropolitan Columbus and Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission. Diane has served as a docent of the Columbus Museum of Art and many PTO boards. She is proud to have been part of the planning for an After Prom event at Sawmill Athletic Club for the high school and to recognize student volunteerism at a UAHS Quality of School Life award ceremony.

She is the mother of 3 talented grown children and as an empty nester she looks forward to visiting with her children and finding ways to invest in our community and inspire others to do the same.

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Peggy Tidwell is a Columbus native and moved to UA three years ago with her husband, two boys, two dogs, turtle, guinea pig and numerous fish.

Peggy's undergraduate degree is from the Ohio State University, and her MBA is from Texas A&M University. She has been at Huntington Bank for the past 20

years, and the past five years have been spent in Commercial Banking.

Her husband, Greg, is the minister for the Fishinger and Kenny Roads Church of Christ in UA. Their twin sons, David and Jordan, are in the sixth grade at Hastings Middle School. The Tidwell's are a family of four, but with only two birthdays to celebrate.

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Nick Wilkes was born in Burlington, Vermont and grew up in Lancaster, Ohio. After a brief time studying engineering at Purdue University, Nick felt the need to diversify his studies and graduated from the Honors Tutorial College of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and a minor in German.

He received his Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1995 and currently practices at the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter. His practice focuses on assisting clients with commercial real estate and finance transactions and general contract drafting and negotiation.

Nick has lived in UA for the last six years with his wife, Kate, and two sons, ages. Nick serves as chief of the Ottawa Tribe in the UA Y-Tribes father/son program, and is active in the Columbus Rotary Club.

In his free time he enjoys playing soccer, golf, tennis and downhill skiing. He also enjoys reading, cooking, computer programming, interacting with and caring for animals, cheering for his kids, and spending time with his family.

Looking for a Good Read and Great Discussion? Come to the Leadership Book Club

The Discussion Book Group is a joint project of the Upper Arlington Public Library and the Upper Arlington Leadership Program. Our most recent selection was ***Primal Leadership: Realizing the Power of Emotional Intelligence*** by Daniel Goleman.

Future selections:

January 17, 2006: *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without* by Malcolm Gladwell

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the Upper Arlington Main Library on Tremont Road.

Participants can purchase the book from Borders at a 20% discount. Just call or visit Borders on Kenny Road and ask for the manager on duty.

Please contact Abby Myeress (Upper Arlington Library) at 614-486-9621 or Rose Konrath (Leadership UA) at 614-463-6575.

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Board Of Trustees Creates Strategic Plan

The Board of Directors has developed a strategic plan. The mission and belief statements and strategies will be our road map for the next three to five years. Action plans for each strategy have been written and are in the process of being assigned to committees that will work on their implementation. This process will strengthen Leadership UA and ensure its presence in the community for years to come!

WE BELIEVE THAT . . .

- Every individual has leadership potential.
- Every individual has an obligation to give back to the community.
- It is the responsibility of the existing community leaders to prepare future leaders.
- We believe Leadership UA is the conduit (“Hub”) to educate regarding community needs.
- We match the needs of the community with abilities of individuals.
- Leadership is a form of service.
- Upper Arlington is one of the greatest communities to live in. You want to stay connected and reinvest in the community pride.
- Strong leadership skills are essential.
- Continual development of leadership skills is vital to the community.
- Developing leadership skills is essential for our community.
- UALP has to be a visible, active force in the community.
- UALP can be the hub that connects people with service (opportunities).
- We should promote high ethical standards and integrity through our program. This is essential to strong community life.
- Leadership is a life-long learning process and UALP can facilitate that process.
- Excellence is always worth investment.

STRATEGIES

1. Leadership UA will attract and engage the community by demonstrating the value of the program.
2. Leadership UA will form a lasting connection with its alumni.
3. Leadership UA will continue to be fiscally responsible and pursue alternate funding sources in order to maintain the integrity of the program.
4. Leadership UA will evaluate its programs and activities for improvement.
5. Leadership UA will be an integral part of the UA community.

MISSION OF LEADERSHIP UA

"to be valued by the community as the premiere provider of leadership"

Leadership UA Hosts City Council Candidates Forum

On October 27, six of the seven City Council candidates participated in an open forum, sponsored by Leadership UA. We were proud to facilitate the open discussion between residents and candidates.

About 60 residents participated in the forum held in the Council Chambers. The forum was moderated by Bill Patterson, a longtime UA resident and former television personality.

After the prepared questions were completed, the moderator took questions from the audience eliciting some very interesting ones.

We look forward to sponsoring future forums and perhaps there will be more than one Leadership UA grad up for election.

DON'T MISS IT

December 1

Alumni Party at

Swim & Racquet Club

6:00 – 8:00 pm

prizes, food, fun

YOUTH Program

The 2006 Youth Program participants first came together with a retreat on October 28. They traveled to Fair Avenue Elementary School, an inner city school in downtown Columbus. The principal randomly selected pairs to go into different classrooms. There was definitely a bit of apprehension at first.

It didn't take long for our kids to acclimate and the children at Fair Avenue were full of excitement to have guests. Our goal is that we come up with a project that can enhance the environment at Fair Avenue. Ideas were flowing immediately and our group is excited to get things going.

The afternoon was spent with Celia Crossley, who once again donated her time for the Birkman Method Evaluation, a personality assessment that always amazes the participants.

And if that wasn't enough for one day, we loaded the kids up and drove to Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine for an evening of leadership analysis, pizza and camaraderie. Saturday morning the staff at the camp led us through their ropes course and climbing wall in yet more teambuilding exercises. Everybody learned a lot, including the committee who thinks we might have planned just a bit too much for one 28 hour period!

At the November session, UA City Attorney Jeanine Amid Hummer spoke about city government, and acting Police Chief Brian Quinn showed us the ins and outs of the police station.

Next youth session is December 11, and will focus on respect and Fair Avenue project discussions.

Co-Chairs of the Youth Program Syndee Robinson and Matt Rapolto have 23 of UA's finest ninth graders. Brian DuPont, Jen Green Garcia and Jim Buffer lend their expertise on the Youth Committee.

President's Corner...

Brenda Schwandt

Service...what does it mean to you?

Service means many things to many people but I believe that we all want to make a difference, perhaps by giving back to someone or something that had great influence on you. Service to others is even a motto of a national club. I got a lot out of my participation in Leadership UA so I give back my time and talents by serving on the board as well as the Program Committee.



I would like to challenge you... if you feel you got something out of your participation how about giving back? Leadership UA is run by a part-time (10 hours/week paid but many hours unpaid) executive director and a small number of volunteers. I know that time and money are the two areas that are most scarce in many people's lives. But take a moment, was Leadership UA worth a few hours of your time or perhaps \$25 a year? There are many worthy organizations that you can donate your time and money to and I hope you consider Leadership UA in your plans for the future giving and community involvement.

If you attend the Alumni Party on December 1, there will be information on how you can assist Leadership UA. There are a number of committees who are needing you.

I hope to see you on December 1st at The Swim and Racquet Club.

Brenda J. Schwandt

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