Alumni Newsletter

Winter 2025 Edition

Hello LMH Alumni!

We hope this Winter edition of the LMH Alumni newsletter finds you well!

The goal of this seasonal newsletter is to ***Communicate, Connect and Engage*** LMH Alumni. The Alumni committee is sending out seasonal newsletters that highlight the on-going activities of LMH. We look forward to hearing from you to find out if this newsletter is helpful and interesting.

LMH Board Activities

The LMH Board currently consists of 20 Directors as well as a Program Facilitator and Program Administrator. The Board holds monthly meetings and many of the topics from these discussions are listed in this newsletter. In October, Steve Tate relinquished his role of President to Daniel Sanidad. Steve will remain on the Board.



This year's 2025 Board of Directors

Board members pictured starting from the left: Susan Hannah, Margaret Graham, Lori Allen, Daniel Sanidad (President), Tammy Parker, Jeff Schumacher, Cindy Adams, Suzanne Farzaneh, Brian Lanks, Amy Martinez, Mark Matthews, Harpreet-Kiran Vittal, Don Moody, Darcy Foster, Tim Hansen. Not Pictured: Steve Tate, Michelle Murphy, Cyndy Sanchez-Singh, Kinnaly Vongsa, Sheila Murphy, Jeff Prickett and Jason Amezcua.

If anyone is interested in participating on the Board, please contact Steve Tate or Daniel Sanidad at, **stevetate@charter.net or Daniel Sanidad at djsanidad@gmail.com**

Board members also support several committees such as Alumni, Marketing, Technical/IT, Recruiting, Community Leadership and Executive. If you have any interest in helping us out part time and participating on any of these committees or events sponsored by LMH please let us know by contacting Mark Matthews, markmatt17217@gmail.com
For more information, please go to **www.leadershipmorganhill.com**

LMH 30th Anniversary Event - Honoring our History, Inspiring Our Tomorrow!

Yes, that's right. Leadership Morgan Hill has been around since 1995. We have been a key community partner to Inspire, Connect and Serve while graduating over 500 people through our community Leadership program.

We have events and communications planned throughout the year to inform every one of the details regarding our grand celebration on October 4th at Guglielmo Winery. More news and details will be coming out regularly throughout the year.

On Wednesday evening January 22nd the Guglielmo Winery was filled with decades of Leadership Morgan Hill graduates, family and friends. Reunions of cohorts garnered smiles, hugs and buzz. Everyone understood, whether classmates or not, every attendee shared their love of our community, and the impact Leadership has had on their lives. Several members of this year's 2025 class joined the fun, already bonded after their first retreat and enthusiastically on board for their year of learning, serving and connecting. Amongst the roughly 90 guests in attendance were Alumni, past LEAD Honoree's, LMH Board of Directors, local newspapers, and Michelle Bigelow, City of Morgan Hill.

Our history was acknowledged when this year's Board President, Daniel Sanidad opened the celebration by welcoming everyone and introducing City Clerk, Michelle Bigelow. We met Michael Brookman, 1996's first Board President.

Daniel said “the October 4th event is entitled **Honoring our History and Inspiring our Future**, in keeping with LMH’s overall theme **Leadership Matters**.”

The current board was introduced and opened their jackets to reveal special T-Shirts and Polos embroidered to announce our 30th anniversary and to encourage the purchase of the shirts to help support the October 4th event, also at Guglielmo Winery.

Walking among the crowd, I had the opportunity to ask folks the year they graduated and what impact LMH had on their lives. Diane McGinty, (pictured center below) a 1996 grad, told me she was known as the Godmother of Leadership. This retired nurse worked at St. Louise Hospital and loved how she got to meet the movers and shakers who made things happen in town.



2024 Class president Jana Diakova said “Attending the 30th Anniversary Kickoff event was an absolute blast! It was wonderful to reconnect with so many alumni from across the years and celebrate the incredible impact of this program on our community. I was deeply inspired by the legacy of Leadership Morgan Hill and wish the Class of 2025 all the best as they embark on their own leadership journey! Here’s to many more years of empowering future leaders in Morgan Hill!”



Mark your calendars for October 4th where you will see highlights of each years' projects and catch the enthusiasm of every BEST CLASS EVER!

Want to help us celebrate? LMH will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary all year long culminating with the main celebration on October 4th. We would love to have any Alumni interested in joining our planning group to make it a memorable celebration. Please let us know by contacting Mark Matthews at **markmatt17217@gmail.com.**

Alumni Help Needed

- ***Recruitment Committee***

The Application for the class of 2026 is available at the LMH website!
As a valued Alumni or Friend of Leadership Morgan Hill, we would like your continued help in recruiting community members for future classes. If you know someone who lives and/or works in Morgan Hill that would benefit from participation in the next (2026) class, please have them go to https://www.leadershipmorganhill.com/application to fill out an application.
You can also help us identify leaders in our community and those that you feel would make a great addition to a future class of Leadership Morgan Hill by completing our Referral Form. The recruitment team will prioritize and reach out to all referrals in a timely fashion for the next available class year. Any questions you have about this process can be sent to recruiting@leadershipmorganhill.org
Referral Form - https://forms.office.com/r/sCfdYTmxbp - See the QR Code below:



- ***Sponsorship and/or Donations Needed***

LMH currently charges $1,500 per student for the Leadership Program. The actual cost of the course per student is closer to $3,500. Therefore LMH, which is a non-profit 501c3, relies on donations and sponsorships throughout the year to maintain its budget. Think about how you

benefited from the program and consider paying it forward to help us offset the additional costs.
Don't forget to include matching contributions from your employer if you work for an organization with matching contributions. If you use PayPal to make a donation, click the link to pay, then email **gaxiolagroup@gmail.com** with the subject line: Class of 20xx and the amount you donated. If you send in a check, please note in the memo your class and we will tally those up too. Once again, we appreciate your support. We are a 501c3 organization and your contribution can be tax deductible.

Community Leadership Committee

Our tagline is Inspire-Connect-Serve. And at over 500 graduates strong, we are well-positioned to do just that.
We want to spread the word about Leadership Morgan Hill by connecting with more community organizations and inspiring more community members to go through our program. We have identified several companies with whom we want to connect over the next six months.
We are looking for people willing to reach out to and speak with one or two companies in Morgan Hill to promote Leadership Morgan Hill and hopefully inspire some of their employees to go through the class. We have a script/outline for approaching a company, and we encourage a personal touch.

We would also like your help getting our name, logo, and tagline out there all over Morgan Hill. If you're willing to go to a few businesses to get them to affix our static window clings to their storefront window, please contact Tim.

If you're willing to help us make connections, please contact Tim Hansen at **timothyrhansen1@gmail.com.** (Note that my email address is new)

Marketing Committee Activities

We have been busy advertising and preparing for the LMH Celebrate 30 kickoff event which we enjoyed on January 22 at Guglielmo. It was great to see so many of you at the kickoff, including Michelle Bigelow who spoke, representing the City and herself as a proud LMH graduate. At the event, we also revealed our special **30th Anniversary T-Shirts/Polos that are available for ordering from our website or via the following QR code:**

Our last bulk order will be on **February 12** with pickup available at BookSmart starting on March 1. Pickup hours will be BookSmart's regular 9-5pm business hours. Until then we do have some Women's and Men's T-Shirts on-hand (available for pickup right away). T-Shirts are $25 and the Polos are $30.

Jeff Schumaker and I have been busy curating online articles from both Morgan Hill Times and Morgan Hill Life that have been written by them over the years (digitizing seems to have started in 2003). Thanks to Jeff's tech wizardry, he created a program to query the websites for the phrase 'Leadership Morgan Hill' and put the articles into a spreadsheet which enabled us to sort through them. **On our website, under News->Print Articles, you can access these articles.** We are thankful for the press coverage we have gotten over the years. Our next step on this is to go to the Morgan Hill Steve Tate Library and see what print articles they may have on hand from 1995 to 2003.

Now we are switching gears to start focusing on the events we have planned leading up to our Party on October 4 at Guglielmo. Stay tuned as we will be having a co-30th celebration with My Pizza (date to be set) and a Spring Cleanup Day on April 19. The event at My Pizza is still in the planning stages but will likely be in April.

We are collecting quotes and photos from alumni. If you have anything you'd like to share, please submit to: **LMHCelebrate30@gmail.com**

Thanks, as always for your support,
--Tammy Parker, LMH Class of 2022, Marketing Committee Chair

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LMH 2025 Class Has Begun!

The Class of 2025 met at Peets Coffee Saturday, January 11 to receive their sendoff from the LMH Board. That weekend they participated in the annual retreat at the Los Gatos Lodge to get things started.



Class of 2025

This year's 15 class members are: Chris Alarcon, Jonny Beale, Terri Davenport, Erin Gemar, Avi Gingold, Flordelisa Harris, Brian Judd, John Kelley, John Kuhlen, Kim Mancera, Kyle Merritt, Adam Paszkowski, Heather Poore, Alegria Serrano and Daryn Honda.

Join Alumni and Friends at the next First Thursday

The next social will be **Thursday, March 6 at Bubbles and Brew** located at 17105 Monterey Road MH, starting at 5:00pm.

Save the Date – The April Alumni social (date to be announced) will be a joint 30 year anniversary celebration for LMH and My Pizza. In addition, this may be a fundraiser to help a family with recent medical costs. My Pizza is located at 229 West Main Ave, #A, MH. More details will follow.

Missing Alumni – Help Needed

We are missing the current contact information for the following LMH Alumni below. If you can help us by providing their mailing and email addresses or contact them directly and ask them to send their info to Mark Matthews at markmatt17217@gmail.com.

Contact Name	Class Year		Contact Name	Class Year
Alma Vandenraadt	2010		Lee Purdioux	2009
Annette DiResta	2016		Linda K. Sanborn	2009
Catherine Lewis-Silverberg	2008		Lisa Washington	2015
Cheri Strempel	2005		Malcolm Myers	2007
Colette McLaughlin	2006		Mark Pierce	2020
Damon S. Grose	2007		Mark van Keulen	2011
Dan Ellsworth	2012		Marlen Martinez	2020
Daniel Ehrler	2006		Mary Kay Thome-Shaw	2002
Daryl Manning	2001		Maryanna Danielson	2007
David Hensley	2020		Matthew Wendt	2013
Deborah Frazen	2015		Michelle Barte	2009
Edward Machado	2014		Michelle Millard	2004
Eileen Bontempi	2013		Mindy Mull	2002
Franz Ingram	2009		Murv Little	2011
Janet Itterly	2002		Paige Riveron	2006
Jeff Aronoff	2017		Rebecca Fotu	2009
Jeff Rosenberger	2008		Rich Oswald	2011
Jeffrey Nunes	2010		Robert Murray	2005
Jessica Garcia	2001		Rosalinda Bush	2003
Joni Evans	2005		Scott Joines	2010
Judy Pyle	2005		Stacy Camiel	2005
Julie Barraza	2010		Stephanie Reini	2008
Kevin Lanning	2003		Steven Perez	2007
			William Norman	2008

Please let us know what you think of our newsletters via Facebook or email to: Mark Matthews at markmatt17217@gmail.com so that we can provide useful and interesting information for LMH Alumni.

You can also follow us on Instagram, Facebook (X) and LinkedIn

2024/2025 LMH Alumni Committee Members:

Mark Matthews – Alumni Committee Chair, LMH Class of 2022
Daniel Sanidad - Alumni Committee Vice Chair, Board President, LMH Class of 2018
Cyndy Adams – Alumni Committee Member, LMH Class of 2024
Susan Hannah - Alumni Committee Member, LMH Class of 2024