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Vision: *Leading women educators, impacting education worldwide.*

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SERVICE AWARDS--OREGON'S OUTSTANDING 2015 - 16 MEMBERS



SERVICE TO SOCIETY

Madaline Lapp (R), Omicron/2

Awarded May 17 at the Omicron Chapter meeting in Roseburg by State Awards Chair Priscilla Ing (L)



SERVICE TO EDUCATION

Lois MacMillan (C), Omega/2

Awarded May 9 in Cave Junction by Tawnya Campbell (L) and Pam Boston (R)



SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Donna Krauthoefer (L), Beta Beta/5, received her award from Beta Beta Membership Chair Elaine Harris at a recent chapter meeting.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



*Dr. Cindy Ryan, President
Oregon State Organization*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit here in my backyard watching the hummingbirds and listening to my dog *talk* to the neighbor's dog, I am filled with both a sense of well-being and urgency.

I feel well-being as I think about the 2016 State Conference in Pendleton. Oh, what fun we had! This edition of the *Trail* is filled with photographs and memories of the great time we all had. Although there are many people to give thanks to, I especially want to thank Kelly McIntyre, our State Vice-President & Convention Chair, as well as Vickie Jackson and everyone in both Iota and Zeta chapters for working so hard to make our time in Pendleton so memorable.

I feel well-being as I think about the overwhelming sense of sisterhood I felt at our State Conference and I continue to feel as I visit chapters across the state. I have never met a more dedicated and inspiring group of women.

I felt a sense of urgency as, with heavy hearts, we accepted letters of dissolution for several chapters. These sisters are our families; these chapters are part of our community.

I felt a sense of urgency as I listened to Dr. Beverly Helms speak so eloquently in her keynote address about how we are at a crossroads in DKG. She encouraged us to think of who gave us our space in DKG and who invited us into this organization. Dr. Helms challenged us by saying, "I have met the enemy, and we are they." These words shot straight to my heart.

I feel a sense of urgency and satisfaction, as I think of the strength and determination of my Alpha Rho State sisters. We are key women educators and we have work to do. The commitment that this group of incredible women brings to this challenge takes my breath away.

As I look forward to this next year, I feel a sense of urgency for all the reasons I mentioned and more. I also feel an overwhelming sense of hope and optimism, as we *catch the wave* and continue to move forward with determination.

Over this next year, we will have many opportunities to create a space in DKG for both new and current members of our chapters. Chapter presidents will be receiving information about *Catch the Wave of Membership* incentive mini-grants that will be made available over the next year. In addition, our Fall Leadership Conference in Salem will focus on the theme *You Have a Space in DKG*. Please plan to join us for a day of professional development and fellowship.

I wish you all the best as we move into the summer season.

Take care! *Cindy*

Catch the Wave of Membership: CHAPTER INCENTIVE MINI-GRANTS

Thanks to all who contributed to the basket drawing in Pendleton! We raised \$911 for chapter incentive mini-grants. Does your chapter have an idea about how to:

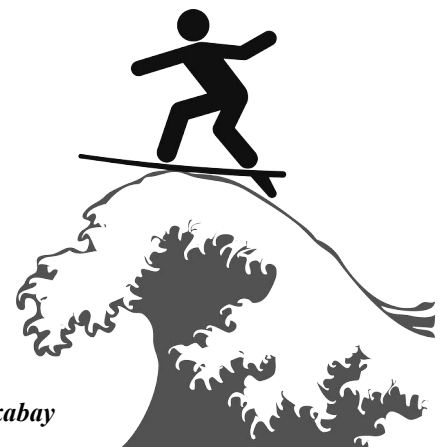
- **Recruit** and engage new members?
- **Retain** and engage current members?
- **Reinstate** and engage past members?

By June 1, Dr. Cindy Ryan, State President, will send out information to all Chapter Presidents on how to apply for a mini-grant. Start thinking of innovative ways you can put these funds to good use!

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday
September 17**

Fall Leadership Conference
~You Have a Space in DKG~
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Salem, Oregon



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**PO Box 728
Bonifay, FL 32425
May 11, 2016**

Dear Cindy and Members of Oregon DKG State Organization,

Thank you for the outpouring of hospitality, friendship, and genuine spiritual fellowship at your state organization conference in Pendleton. My sincere gratitude and appreciation began with the wonderful communications I received from Kelly McIntyre and the assistance she provided before as well as during the conference. Cindy, you and Kelly taking me to the airport in Walla Walla at 4 a.m. in the morning on Sunday was certainly above and beyond the call of duty.

The help Kelly was to me in planning my trip and the assurance that Vicki Jackson was picking me up at the airport to deliver me at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino on Thursday night removed a lot of anxiety. I was pleasantly surprised to see not only Vicki but her husband waiting for me in the airport. Vicki was most accommodating and continued to make sure that all my needs were met. I really felt pampered!

The Conference was wonderful and I definitely caught the *Wave of Diversity*. From the opening session, the key note speaker, the entertainment, general meeting and the executive board session to the games on Friday night, I was introduced to Oregon members and amazed at their energy and enthusiasm. Wesley Mitchell and his sharing about his upbringing challenged all of us as educators to recognize the importance of attending to the needs and interests, and differences of each student who comes into our lives. The workshops I attended were wonderful and I heard reports from others that were extremely positive. I wish I could have attended every workshop. Your recognition of members and chapters and the presentation of awards were most inspiring, and I hope they served to motivate everyone to greater heights in DKG.

As always one of the highlights of being the representative to a state organization is to see longtime friends and make new ones. I certainly did that. And, I had the opportunity to observe many of the great things you are doing in Oregon and have shared those with our leaders at international.

The beautiful wool blanket and the jar of honey are gifts I will treasure forever. Well, maybe not the honey. You can tell Vicki that I have already eaten a third of it. It is so good. And yes, it gets cold enough in the panhandle of Florida where I live to thoroughly enjoy the wool blanket, a trademark of Pendleton. Thanks to you and Kelly for the visit to the wool mill on Friday afternoon and for the Underground Tour on Saturday night. Very enlightening and I feel as if I know a little more about Pendleton.

You and your members are to be commended for the work you are doing in your state organization and I challenge you to continue to share your space in DKG with other educators in Oregon. The best gift you can give to another educator is membership in our organization.

With much admiration and appreciation,

Beverly

Beverly Helms, Ed.D.
2012-2014 DKG International President



FIRST-TIMER'S REFLECTION

Lisa Kramer, Omega/2



Lisa Kramer, Omega/2

Cow-a-bunga! I caught the “Wave of Diversity” while attending my first Alpha Rho state conference in Pendleton, Oregon. What an amazing ride! It started with a 9-hour, laughter-filled drive with three Omega sisters. We stayed up late, bonding over stories and short-sheeting beds. However, the wave that knocked me off my board was the fellowship and unity brought about by my new DKG sisters who, through their testimonials and commitment to education, inspired me!

Highlights included two motivating speeches, one by Dr. Beverly Helms and another by Wesley Mitchell. Beverly’s message left me feeling honored to be a member of this Society and knowing how important it is to be an active participant – something I had not been. Being in that room, surrounded by all these amazing women while listening to Dr. Helms speak, showed me how together we can truly impact education and the lives of students.

Wesley, on the other hand, shared with us his story of growing up in a dysfunctional family. Despite his horrific childhood experiences, he remained strong and is on his way to becoming a teacher himself (Yahoo!). As educators, we all have “Wesleys” in our classrooms/lives; it is our role to believe, encourage, and to never give up on our students, just as Wesley’s teachers did with him.

During Saturday’s luncheon, I was a lucky first-timer, as I was chosen to sit at the “head-table,” sandwiched right between Wesley and Alpha Rho State President Dr. Cindy Ryan. The head table rose above the event and allowed me to look out over this wave of amazing women whose commitment to education and fellowship with one another made me proud to be a member of DKG.

The weekend was filled with many other events: workshops, a tour to Pendleton’s underground (wow!), and an abundance of conversation and bonding. I look forward to seeing you all next spring at the convention in Medford!

Thank you!

I am truly blessed to be in an organization that supports its members through the joys and sorrows of life. Thank you so much for all the condolences, prayers and hugs you have sent me for the passing of my Mother. The last five months (actually 3 years) have really been hard on me, but I have felt the love and caring of all of you. My Mom is at peace now with our heavenly Father, and I feel very blessed to have been by her side, holding her hand at her passing.

All my love! *Kathy*

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CAPTURED AT CONFERENCE

*Dr. Beverly Helms, Past International President
Our Keynote Speaker and International
Representative* Photo by Peggy Cowens



*Jean Fairbairn (L) & Sharon Hohstadt
Past Oregon Presidents*

*L to R: Christine Luehring, Ellen Ellis, Sharon Hohstadt,
Jean Fairbairn, Alice Hartness-Reichle
Sharing the history of Alpha Rho State (Oregon)*





L to R: Vickie Jackson, Iota/1; Wesley Mitchell, Keynote Speaker--Eastern Oregon University (La Grande) education major; Lisa Kramer, Omega/2 (first-timer); Oregon State President Dr. Cindy Ryan, Alpha Epsilon/5.



*L: Fonda Lawson, Alpha Omicron/4 ;
R: Peggy Cowens, Omega/2.*

Photo by Peggy Cowens



Behind bars? Dana Musgrove, Zeta/1; Betty Krause, Iota/1; and Sharon Hohstadt, Zeta/1 (At a casino any money changing hands needs to be in the "cage." This was registration.)



Ardeth Woods, Beta Gamma/6; Shirley House & Rene Kirtley--both from Alpha Delta/5

Special thanks to our proof-readers supreme:

**Christine Luehring
Lambda/4**

**Kathie Hill
Omega/2**

These skilled readers make your *Trail* much better!

**TABLES AND TALES
OF
NEW FRIENDS
&
RENEWED FRIENDS**



Carol Summers, Barb Smutz, Judy Martin, Charlene Counsell, and Laurie Graves, all from Zeta/1.



Lisa Kopetski (non-member); Kathy Martell, Alpha Epsilon/5, and Helen Cunha, Kappa/3



Kate Kelleher, Elaine Harris, Dana Murphy, Donna Rhinevault, Eloise Gibson, and Sandy Bartnik, all Beta Beta/5 members

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Cari Hinesely & Tirzah Barlow, Epsilon/2; Carol Bicart, & Annette Hildebrand, Sigma/3; Johnene Laminack, Alpha Phi/6



Marietta Kuykendeall & Shirley Gidley, Alpha Nu/5; Darby Tracy, Mary Jo Hulisman, Priscilla Ing & Jane Landrum, Lambda/3



My sincere apologies to those whose photos are not identified. Since I didn't attend (bad cough/snuffles), I could not meet everyone to supply the names.

Marie

Linda McCoy, Darlene Cook, Lisa Kramer, Cari Hinesly, Dana Musgrove, Bridget Honan, Pam Boston, Ellen Ellis, Lise Van Brunt, Alice Hartness-Reichle, Michelle Gallas

???, Bertha Haas, Psi/5; Fonda Lawson, Alpha Omicron/4; ???, Shirley Mann, Linda McCoy, & Kathy Hupp from Alpha Omicron/4



*Rene Kirtley (L), Beverly Bodtker (R)
Alpha Epsilon/5*



*L: Vice Pres. Kelly McIntyre;
R: President Cindy Ryan*



Cari Hinesly , Epsilon/2 & Alice Hartness-Reichle, Alpha Phi/6



*Christine Luehring & Sheila Sundahl
Lambda/3*



*Kaye Jones, Kappa/3 &
Bridget E. Honan, Alpha/2*

SMILES & HUGS



Dr. Beverly Helms

Sandy Watts

Kelly McIntyre

IOTA MEMBERS HONORED & AWARDED

Judy Chesnut of Milton-Freewater was recently chosen as Woman of the Year. Judy was recognized for her life of service as a teacher, mentor, and coach. She is active in her church (serving locally and throughout Eastern Oregon), works on the annual Crop Walk, is a member of PEO, of **Delta Kappa Gamma**, and works with community service programs, as well as on her Chamber of Commerce Board.



Patricia Reinhart was selected as Weston Outstanding Citizen of 2015. Patricia serves her community as a member of Lions Club, **Delta Kappa Gamma**, the Chamber of Commerce board, her church board, and the local library board. She was earlier selected as Educator of the Year, reflecting her interest in helping children and those in need (she's a Food Bank volunteer, too!).



Karen Shelton (center) received the Isabelle Huston Award of \$1,500 from **Martha Nicoloff** (right) and **Cindy Ryan** (left) to help fund attendance at International Convention. Karen also received a Boutique Treasure Award as a first-time attendee. She will bring back ideas for strengthening early-career membership.

SUMMER PROJECT?

Try something new this summer. *Submit your creative work to The DKG Gallery of Fine Arts.* This online gallery includes (1) literary efforts, (2) two- and three-dimensional art, (3) performance art, (4) photography, and (5) crafts. Select one of the two submission periods, then plan your summer project around that:

Fall: August 1 - September 1

Spring: January 1 - February 1.

Applications are in the FORMS category under--wait for it-- "Applications"!--on the DKG website, but are only posted during the application period.

Go to <http://www.dkg.org>

Select: **Committees** (on the top banner)

From the drop down menu choices, Select **Arts & Humanities Jury.**

Under that heading, you will find submission information (check out the rubrics on the left side), FAQ's to answer your most likely questions, helpful links, documents, timelines, and such.

WHITE ROSES--CHAPTER ETERNAL

Ruth Ruhnke--Chi

Joined 4/1/1962

Died 1/23/2016

Nadine Waltman Harmon
Sigma

Died March 16, 2016

Initiated 1948



2016 AWARDS & RECIPIENTS

Achievement or Service to:

1. **Society:** Madaline Lapp, Omicron
2. **Community:** Donna Krauthoefer, Beta Beta
3. **Education:** Lois MacMillan, Omega

Rosette Awards (Yearbook or Program Guide, chapter brochure, chapter newsletters [4])

1. Alpha
2. Epsilon
3. Gamma
4. Lambda
5. Omega
6. Zeta
7. Alpha Nu
8. Alpha Omicron
9. Beta Beta



Order of the Rose (All Rosette requirements, plus initiates/size of chapter)

1. Zeta
2. Alpha Nu
3. Alpha Omicron
4. Beta Beta

Longevity (25 years)

1. Carol Ann Moody, Epsilon
2. Bev White, Zeta
3. Meredith Putzler, Phi
4. Lillis Larson, Alpha Epsilon
5. Nadine Eaton, Alpha Nu
6. Gayle Nelson, Alpha Nu
7. Kathryn Hupp, Alpha Omicron

Longevity (50 years)

1. Patricia Hayes, Omega
2. Helen Benschmidt, Beta Beta
3. Kathleen Wisdom-Winthers, State Member

CONFERENCE FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES

Lisa Kramer, Omega
 Sandy Bartnik, Beta Beta
 Beverly Bodtker, Alpha Epsilon
 Diane (Michelle) Gallas, Omega
 Laurie Graves, Zeta
 Nancy Lassard, Alpha Omicron
 Carol Summers, Zeta
 Tammy Staley, Iota
 Deanna Zaniker, Pi

NEW MEMBERS

April 2015 - April 2016

Report by Madaline Lapp



2016

Nancy Lessard	Alpha Omicron
Shalese Straup	Alpha Epsilon (transfer)

Initiated Fall 2015 (September – December)

Andrea Waldrop	Zeta
Marianne Jones	Kappa
Lesli Ficker	Alpha Epsilon
Karen Ditmar	Alpha Pi
Shana Beckman	Beta Beta
Sue Suttich	Beta Beta
Laurie Radke	Beta Gamma
Margie Parker	Kappa
Beverly Bedtker	Alpha Epsilon (transfer)

Initiated Spring 2015 (April – May)

Kelly Ann Balnicky-Oliver	Zeta
Cindy Patrick	Zeta
Audrey Saraceno	Alpha Nu
Courtney Walker	Alpha Nu
Margit Lamey	Alpha Nu
Karen Nelson	Alpha Nu
Mary Brown	Alpha Omicron
Fonda Lawson	Alpha Omicron
Kimberly Brown	Beta Beta

US FORUM

National Legislative Seminar Recap: Communication. Cooperation. Advocacy into Action.



Members from the Northwest Region, L to R:

Geraldine Benshoof, AK
Carolyn Linscott, WA
Sally Nyhus, MN
Keitha Bryson, WA
Darlene Cook, OR
Dr. Phyllis VanBuren, MN

Seventy-four DKG members, including six from the Northwest, met in Arlington, VA, in March to discuss key issues affecting women, children, and education: human trafficking, bullying/cyber bullying, gun violence/mental health, high stakes testing/Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and women's pay equity.

After optional pre-meeting activities (tours of monuments and museums, a production at Ford's Theater and a political satire/humor presentation of "Capitol Steps"), the Seminar began. Kate Stevenson promoted women's history and leadership through musical theater--"Women Working to Form a More Perfect Union." Members heard speakers on each targeted issue and current legislation. Ingrid Donata, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and Darryl Alexander, Health and Safety Program for the AFT, addressed bullying prevention programs in schools and communities and legislative initiatives. Ariane Hegewisch, Institute for Women's Policy Research, addressed pay equity. Speaking on federal mental health activities was Dr. Ellen Gerrity, Duke University; on gun violence prevention, June Keller, N. Virginia Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. A legislative assistant from Sen. Lamar Alexander (TN) discussed high stakes testing and ESSA. Participants were updated on the Women's History Museum, lobbying, and advocacy. After briefings on ESSA, members were encouraged to meet with their federal legislators to advocate for these issues. The seminar concluded with an inspiring presentation by Jessica Black, Pew Charitable Trusts/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, on determining "When the Fight is Right." Optional visits on Tuesday to the Library of Congress, the Supreme Court, or the Capitol Visitor's Center were available as members were on "the Hill."

US Forum sessions occur at each regional conference and at international conventions. The National Legislative Seminar is held every other year in the Washington, DC, area. Every DKG member residing in the United States is a member of the US Forum. Since you are already a member, come--and get involved: **Communication. Cooperation. Advocacy into Action.** I look forward to seeing you at the US Forum Session on July 7 in Nashville!

Darlene Cook, Northwest Regional Representative, 2014-2016

Chi Chapter mourned the death of **Ruth Ruhnke** this winter. Ruth was a dedicated high school Business/English teacher for 24 years in West Linn. In addition to teaching, Ruth worked for the U.S. War Department during WW II, for the Oregon Extension Service, as the first female sales engineer for General Electric, and with AARP. Ruth was an avid traveler both at home and abroad. Besides her love of teaching and her garden, Ruth dedicated much to DKG, giving generously of her time and talent to chapter, state, and International programs. Ruth was well known for her ability to teach good business practices and for her financial knowledge. We will miss the presence of this vital DKG member.

CHAPTER CHATTER

March through May 2016

District 1

Iota (Umatilla & Morrow Cos.): See the article about Iota awards.

District 2

Alpha (Klamath Co.): Alpha held an end-of-the-year celebration May 12. Each year we present Excellence In Education Awards to outstanding educators. This year we presented the following:



ing: Lisa Vaughn--Community Adult Education; Katrina Myers--Secondary Education; Janie Kirkpatrick--Secondary Education Counseling; Fred Bartels--Administration; & Cara Boyette, Middle School Secretary.

L to R: Lisa Vaughn, Katrina Myers, Janie Kirkpatrick

Epsilon (Medford & Ashland): Has filed for dissolution, but members were invited to join Omega Chapter.

Omega (Josephine Co.): An Autism 101 workshop in March attracted 36 guests (PDU's were offered) and 12 members! It was a rousing success, so Autism 102 is in our plans for next year! In May, Omega initiated three new members (photo p. 15), recognized DKG Founders, installed new officers, and celebrated members in Chapter Eternal. Later in May, Evergreen Elementary in Cave Junction and Omega hosted a BEAR Celebration for fantastic student and family participation in the reading program. The chapter is helping sponsor Kaleidoscope, a new effort for 2016 - 17 to train caregivers to use ordinary objects to inspire children. Omega ended the year with a celebration potluck in the park!

Omicron (Douglas Co.): honored Madaline Lapp as she received the Service to Society award (See p. 1).

District 5

Alpha Epsilon (Salem): was pleased to have 8 attend the Pendleton Conference and to share experiences at our May chapter Installation meeting: Cindy Ryan, Beverly Bodtker, Shirley House, Kathy Martell, Kathy

Schottle, Martha Nicoloff, Rene Kirtley, & Sue Nelson.

Alpha Nu (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): President Shirley Gidley and State Membership Chair Marietta Kuykendall attended the State Conference in Pendleton. Marietta was in charge of the White Rose Ceremony. The chapter earned The Order of the Rose Award and The Rosette Award. Alpha Nu's June meeting will feature a Master Rose Gardener, an ice cream social, and installation of new officers.

Psi (Hillsboro, Beaverton & Washington Co.): Our annual Excellence in Action program honors outstanding citizens or businesses who volunteered and made great inroads and contributions in education. This year's honorees, Ralph and Carol Brown, were recognized March 16 at the Venetian Restaurant in Hillsboro with a bouquet of roses and plaque for their outstanding accomplishments. Many friends, co-workers, and past students attended the event and spoke fondly of the Browns and their past activities.



L to R: Cindy Ryan, Ralph Brown, Kelly McIntyre, Carol Brown, & Roberta Hutton

Beta Beta (Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood) Initiated four women in April and is planning for the summer yard sale that funds its Education Foundation. See photo, p. 15.

District 6

Pi (Columbia Gorge): Pi visited The Dalles High School Archive Museum and enjoyed memorabilia from the early 1900's to our present time. Our "Soup for Scholarships" was a very successful evening. Three members attended the conference in Pendleton. We have elected new officers and will honor our "Woman of Achievement," "Student of Achievement," and Early Educator Grant-In-Aid recipient at our end of the year dinner in May. Pi will meet again in September.

BETA BETA INITIATES



L to R: --Beta Beta April Initiates: Trudi Sang, Julie McLellan, Carol Griest, and Katrin Dougherty

OMEGA INITIATES



L to R: Omega May Initiates: Jo Margeson, Sarah Wicks, Deborah Acosta

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District 3

Lambda (Eugene/Lane Co.):

was proud to have nine members attend State Conference in Pendleton: Sheila Sundahl, Marj Maxwell, Bev and Jodi Emmons, Chris Luehring, Priscilla Ing, Darby Tracy, Mary Jo Huisman, and Jane Landrum.

Officers for the 2016-18 biennium were installed May 14 --see photo at right. Projects include continuing the Little Free Library (in Yvonne's yard) and purchasing Spanish/English dictionaries for Nancy's classroom at River Road/El Camino del Rio Elementary School.

To raise money for our grant fund, the annual yard sale will take place June 4 at Yvonne's home in Eugene. Members donate items and work for to make the sale successful.

In response to a wonderful program about the Imagination Library (done through Eugene Library under Dolly Parton Foundation guidance), Lambda made a \$50 donation, with individuals also making contributions.



L to R: Mary Jo Huisman, treasurer; Sheila Sundahl and Cecelia Brand, co-secretaries; Nancy Schaal-McHarry, vice-president; Marj Maxwell and Yvonne Fasold, co-presidents. (not present, Meribeth Olsen, corresponding secretary)

The Curriculum of Hope Newsletter is available at www.deltakappagamma.org/CT/hopenews.php. It features many resources, so check out the options for your class/chapter.

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Deadline for next Trail

August 20, 2016

President Cindy's 2016 Schedule		
Date	Chapter/Activity	Location
5/16	Zeta & Iota	La Grande, OR
5/31	Eta	Tualatin, OR
6/ 3 - 4	Visit 2017 Convention Site	Medford, OR
6/12 to 6/26	International Teaching Trip Tianhua College	Shanghai, China
7/5 - 7/9	International Convention Gaylord Opryland Resort	Nashville, TN
9/17	Fall Leadership Conference	Salem, OR