2020 WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY

DEC. 9–12, 2020
COLORADO SPRINGS

Apply online at www.csgwest.org/wla
APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 17, 2020

"I was very inspired by colleagues from across the region."
2019 CLASS MEMBER

2 GOALS
Helping Legislators Become More Effective
Building Stronger State Legislative Institutions

Coloradans helping Legislators become more effective & building stronger State Legislative Institutions
What is Western Legislative Academy?

The West’s premier training event for lawmakers in their first four years of cumulative service, delivered by CSG West.

Three and a half-days of intensive skill building for state legislators from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

WHAT ARE THE ACADEMY’S GOALS?

• Help legislators become more effective leaders
• Build strong state legislative institutions

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

• Team building
• Leadership styles
• Time management
• Tools for ethical decision-making
• History & significance of state legislatures
• Impacts of personality styles
• Principles of governance
• Consensus building/negotiations

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE ACADEMY?

• The WLA continues to receive high marks for its overall value to lawmakers from alumni and state leaders alike.
• Since 2000, we have graduated 756 alumni who have returned to their state legislatures ready to make a difference.
• Many of our alumni have gone on to serve as leaders—including presiding officers, majority and minority leaders, a lieutenant governor, committee and caucus leaders and several members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

WHO GOVERNS THE WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY?

• CSG West officers and the CSG West Executive Committee serve as the board of directors for the Academy

WHERE IS THE WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY LOCATED?

• Colorado Springs, CO
• Classes held in the El Pomar Foundation’s historic Penrose House
• Activity based training takes place at the US Air Force Academy
• Participants are housed at the Broadmoor Hotel

WHO PAYS?

• With support from state dues, foundation funding and the private sector, CSG West provides training, meals and housing
• Participants pay for their own travel to and from Colorado Springs

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit us at www.csgwest.org/WLA for more information and to apply. Application materials must be submitted online or by mail by April 17, 2020.

Questions regarding the WLA? Please contact Erica Miller at 916.553.4423 or wla@csg.org.
CLASS ROSTER

ALASKA
• Senator Tom Begich
• Representative Kelly Merrick
• Representative George Rauscher

CALIFORNIA
• Assemblymember Tim Grayson

COLORADO
• Representative Edie Hooton
• Representative Hugh McKean
• Senator Robert Rodriguez

GUAM
• Senator Amanda Shelton

HAWAI'I
• Senator Stanley Chang
• Representative Daniel Holt
• Representative Val Okimoto
• Representative Chris Todd

IDAHO
• Senator Carl Crabtree
• Representative Britt Raybould
• Representative Scott Syme

MONTANA
• Representative Julie Dooling
• Senator Pat Flowers
• Representative Jasmine Krotkov
• Representative Marilyn Marler

NEVADA
• Assemblywoman Sandra Jauregui
• Senator Keith Pickard
• Assemblyman Tom Roberts

NEW MEXICO
• Representative Abbas Akhil
• Representative Rebecca Dow
• Representative Andrea Romero

OREGON
• Senator Denyc Boles
• Representative Tiffany Mitchell
• Representative Ron Noble
• Senator Rob Wagner

UTAH
• Representative Walt Brooks
• Senator Kirk Cullimore
• Representative Susan Pulsipher
• Senator Ronald Winterton

WASHINGTON
• Representative Beth Doglio
• Representative Noel Frame
• Senator Joe Nguyen

WYOMING
• Representative Landon Brown
• Senator RJ Kost
• Representative Sandy Newsome
• Senator Wendy Schuler

WLA CLASS OF 2019

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 WLA CLASS PRESIDENT
New Mexico Representative
ANDREA ROMERO

“[During the WLA] you will be among people who truly care about their communities and states—a group who believes in their service and what is possible when we work together—and WLA applies that principle to each of its activities”

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WLA FACULTY

• Phil Boyle, Faculty, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
• Bill Graham, President, Graham Corporate Communications
• Thad Kousser, Political Science Professor and Department Chair, UC San Diego
• David Landis, Former Nebraska State Senator
• Danny Miller, President, New Heights Learning
• Scott Raecker, Executive Director, The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center, Drake University
• Adam Schrager, Social Impact Storyteller, American Family Insurance Institute for Corporate and Social Impact
• Pam Vaccaro, CEO, Designs on Time

“Every presenter was very well prepared and brought a fresh perspective which was useful in my learning.”
2019 CLASS MEMBER
SELECTION CRITERIA INCLUDES

- Dedication to public service
- Desire to improve your personal effectiveness as a legislator
- Commitment to the institution of the legislature
- Interest in improving the legislative process

REMINDEARS ABOUT THE WESTERN LEGISLATIVE ACADEMY

Because of the nature of the program and the importance of interaction among legislators, participants must commit to attend the program in its entirety. The WLA is a classroom experience, not a conference.

- Please keep a copy of your completed application for your files.
- You will be notified that your application has been received and if any information is missing.
- CSG West’s bipartisan leadership will select WLA participants. Applicants will be notified in August 2020 regarding their status.
- Class size is 39, with at least two participants but no more than four per Western state.
- Selection is limited to legislators in their first 4 years of cumulative legislative service.
- Attendance at all WLA events is limited to Academy participants, CSG West staff, presenters and sponsors. There are no events for spouses, guests or children.

WAYS TO APPLY

- Apply online at www.csgwest.org/WLA
- Email Application to: wla@csg.org
- Fax Application to: 916.446.5760
- Mail Application to:
  Executive Committee—WLA Selection
  The Council of State Governments West
  1107 Ninth Street, Suite 730 | Sacramento, CA 95814

Questions regarding the WLA may be directed to Erica Miller at 916.553.4423.

The Council of State Governments West is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association serving legislatures in the 13 Western states. CSG West promotes excellence in state legislatures through regional cooperation and professional development.

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