

JLC STUDENTS PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST



This month the JLC students met for the last time in 2025 at Carlisle Construction Materials for their December Class! They started out with a student led ice breaker activity and then learned about Habit 3: Putting First Things First from Coach Mike Greene of IntegrityWorks Coaching. Then they headed out to take tours of the R&D Facility at CCM.

Before and after lunch, Kelli Gift of Striving 2 Thrive (joined by her son Hayden) presented the Colors Assessment for the students. Ah Ha's and Evaluations rounded out the day before they headed out for the day. Happy Holidays to all of our JLC Committee and Students, we will see them back in February for their next class session!

FELLOWS LEARN TO FIND PURPOSE & MEANING



The LC Fellows of the Class of 2026 met for the last time this year at Highmark Caring Place in Camp Hill. They started out the day with a Mini Mindfulness Exercise, "Using Music To Your Benefit" by Hannah Kippin with UPMC Central Pa. Then a group of fellows reviewed the Chapter on Purpose, which discusses how we measure success and inspires participants to make changes toward a more purposeful life. Steve Riccio, Ed.D., SPHR, PCC with Dickinson College then did a workshop with the Fellows on "Finding Purpose & Meaning."

After lunch, the Fellows took part in a Holiday Sweater Contest and showed off their amazing creations! Afterwards they were able to take a tour of the Highmark Caring Place and see what they do for grieving families in the area. Last but not least, Donovin Lindsay of College Knowledge presented on "Networking on LinkedIn" to finish out the class day! Thank you to all the presenters and we look forward to coming back refreshed in the New Year for our January Class!

OUR FIRST IN-PERSON REINDEER GAMES WAS A SUCCESS...CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!



Over 50 of our amazing alumni from 7 classes gathered together to compete for the title of "Best Class Ever" at our 6th Annual Reindeer Games and first in-person event!

The title of **#BestClassEver** was awarded to...drumroll please...**#LC2026!** They took the title by winning the best holiday beverage, two of the games, and with most class participation!

And even better, we were able to fundraise the most we've ever collected for this event at over \$3,900!!! Thank you again to our LC Alumni, for being so generous to this program and making this first in-person Reindeer Games so successful.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! Make sure you brag about being named the **#BestClassEver!**

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ALUMNI AWARDS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

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Join us for our Leaders & Legends Alumni Awards where we will celebrate and recognize LC Alumni for their dedication to service, nonprofit leadership, and the community. We will recognize all of our nominees and award deserving individuals with the following awards:

Denver Award - Presented by The Tuckey Companies

Shining Service Award - Presented by Playa Bowls

#LCProud Award - Presented by LC Leadership

Tickets Options

\$35 - LC Alumni Association Member Attendee

\$45 - Non-LCAA Member Attendee

\$430 - VIP Table of 8, Includes Quarter Page Ad in the Event Program

\$250 - VIP Table of 4, Includes Quarter Page Ad in the Event Program

Nominations For The Three Awards Will Open in 2026!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE

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HAVE YOU JOINED OR RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH OUR LC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION YET?

Consider joining the LC Alumni Association for only \$50 per year and show your fellow alum yet to show you're **#LCProud!** You may not have renewed your LCAA Membership if you don't see your name listed as a [member here](#).

- Access to Online Alumni Portal
- Access to Recordings of Ongoing Education Webinars & Nonprofit Trainings
- Recognition in LC Annual Report & listed online as a member of LCAA
- Opportunity to be Featured on Alumni Spotlight page on our Website
- Discounted tickets to Leaders & Legends Alumni Awards
- Free Gift Basket Raffle Entry in Reindeer Games
- Opportunity to attend Cumberland County and Gettysburg Bus Tours
- (As seats are available on a first come, first serve basis)

2025-26 Membership Rate = \$50
Estimated Value of Benefits = \$500+

Corporate Rate = \$45/person with 4 or more Alumni at Organization

[JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP HERE](#)

NONPROFIT BOARD OPENINGS, EVENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES

Do you have any

Nonprofit Needs To Share?

Send them to director@leadershipcumberland.org to include them here in the next Newsletter!

CAHA - 2026 NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
DOWNSIZE your closets and DONATE clothing and shoes (only) at the Auxiliary's first CLOTHING DRIVE of the year the week of January 12 - 16, 2026. Drop offs can be made from 9am - 9pm at ENTRANCE A of the UPMC Carlisle Hospital, 361 Alexander Spring Road, Carlisle, PA. Auxiliary volunteers will deliver your generous donations to CommunityAid in Mechanicsburg. We appreciate your support as the Auxiliary receives \$.13 per pound of donated clothing and shoes.

CAHA SHARES APPRECIATION
The Carlisle Area Healthcare Auxiliary thanks the CARLISLE COMMUNITY for its support of the Auxiliary's 2025 fundraising activities. The funds raised enabled CAHA, a small non-profit, volunteer-driven organization to fulfill its mission to promote healthcare and wellness in the greater Carlisle area through outreach, education and fundraising. We look forward to another successful year of giving in 2026. Please visit CAHA's Facebook page to learn more about the Auxiliary's 100+ years of volunteer service!

CARLISLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT - BUCK A BOOK CAMPAIGN
The 2026 Buck a Book Literacy Campaign, a fundraiser for the Employment Skills Center, kicked off in November in the Carlisle Area elementary schools with an essay contest, followed by the reading campaign January 12-28! Participants read books to students in kindergarten through 5th grade at all seven elementary buildings. Sign up here to be a guest reader at one of the elementary schools: [Buck a Book 2026 Guest Reader sign-up sheets](#)

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY - BOARD TREASURER POSITION
A local land conservation organization, [Central Pennsylvania Conservancy](#) (CPC), seeks to fill a vacancy for the Treasurer position on its Board of Directors. Since 1982, CPC's mission has been to acquire, preserve, and protect local land and natural resources in South-Central Pennsylvania. Serving a core geographic area of Cumberland, Perry, and Franklin counties, CPC aims to create a local network of permanently protected lands, through funding partnerships, fostering a community committed to conservation, and acquiring key lands and conservation easements. The Board meets six times per year, typically on the third Tuesday every other month. The duties of the treasurer are to:

- Insure that CPC's fiduciary requirements are met, including an annual audit and annual report;
- Support and manage the annual budget process, develop and present annual budget to the Board;
- Present financial statements at Board meetings and make recommendations for budget change/deviations;
- Support the management of CPC's assets/endowments.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Board President Anna Yelk, at 717-756-9763, ayelk@centralpaconservancy.org, or, Executive Director Peggy Fogarty, at 717-241-4360, pfogarty@centralpaconservancy.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CASA PROGRAM
Volunteers are the backbone of our program and the success for our children. The mission of the Cumberland County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is to assist the Court in determining what serves in the best interest of abused and/or neglected children whose cases are in the Dependency Court system. Through independent information-gathering and active case engagement, trained CASA volunteers develop and present their recommendations to the Court to aid in establishing a safe, permanent and nurturing home for the child or sibling group to whom they have been appointed. The four key roles of a CASA volunteer are: gather relevant information, facilitate, advocate for the child's best interests, and monitor the case- all with the goal of helping to support that child or sibling group to reach PERMANENCY. Reach out to Jennifer Brand, CASA Volunteer Coordinator & Trainer at (717) 240 - 6159 or learn more at cumberlandcountypa.gov.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CASA PROGRAM
[Craighead House](#) is seeking persons to serve on its board and committees. Are you a history buff? Garden guru? Nature lover? We are looking for volunteers to help us with our programs, our administration, and/or our gardens. Whatever your interests, we have a place for you at Craighead House. Contact us today by [clicking here](#) to see where you can help!

A bit of background: Craighead House is a 501(c)(3) organization that was created in 2012 to preserve the deteriorating 1886 house and transform it into an educational center on nature, the environment, and local history. In 2025 more than 800 people visited Craighead House for our programs and events or just to enjoy some quiet time on the banks of the Yellow Breeches Creek. Craighead House is recognized for its architecture and also for being the home of the internationally-known Craighead family of naturalists and authors who spent summers there. If you're not familiar with Craighead House – or even if you are – visit our website, stop by and enjoy the award-winning gardens, attend one of our programs, or volunteer to join us as we continue to grow.

JOIN EMPLOYMENT SKILLS CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Employment Skills Center is looking to fill three Board positions this summer. ESC is a nonprofit organization that provides adult education, training, and workforce development to residents of Carlisle and surrounding communities. Our mission is to help people achieve personal growth and job betterment through education and training. Board meetings are held in person once a month for approximately one hour. If you believe in the value of adult education and are interested in helping us fulfill our mission, please reach out to Mindy Tremblay, Executive Director, at mtremblay@employmentskillscenter.org.

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