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## President's Message

Scott Wilson, LCV 11

Welcome Leadership Coachella Valley Class of 2015! On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are looking forward to an exciting program this year. With 44 of the best our community has to offer, we're thrilled to have so many qualified students energized for Leadership Coachella Valley. And if this year's Welcome Mixer is any indication, our spectacular alumni are just as excited! For the first time in recent years, we've had more alumni join our Alumni Council as sponsors. The growth of the Alumni Council this year has been crucial to support the growth of our program, and we thank all those who've been generous enough to join this year. For those who weren't able to attend our Welcome Mixer, or haven't joined our Alumni Council, I invite you join at the \$250 level. Alumni Council members have their name and class year featured on printed materials and on the LCV website and emails, but most importantly, their generosity will cultivate leaders through the knowledge gained during the LCV program.



Speaking of generous sponsors, thanks to our Gold Sponsor Southern California Edison, as well as the Bronze, Copper, and Alumni Sponsors listed on the front of this newsletter. Their continued support is invaluable. "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." ~ John F. Kennedy



### Team-building exercises during Session 1



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## Leadership Moment



I first applied for LCV at the urge of my stepmom. Although I didn't know too much about the program, I was accepted. With only two sessions I have been pleasantly surprised. LCV is really well organized and all board members and guests have their whole heart into striving to build better lives not only for themselves, but for our community and the people in it. They are the shakers and the doers, they pave the way. LCV is a perfect foundation and

education when surrounding yourself with like-minded individuals who care about leaving a positive impact and making a difference. I am inspired and thirsty to learn about Coachella Valley and soak up all the information and teachings of our local leaders as I strive for success within my own goals and life. When we start making the change within ourselves and locally, it ripples out to far places because we are all connected in the end, and that's what it's about- connecting and building a better world. I thank LCV and am grateful for the opportunity this program provides. -- Sara Snow

## Session 2: Government, Judicial Process & Public Safety



Students were introduced to local city governments, the judicial process, and public safety at the Palm Desert City Hall. Among the presenters were class favorites Deputy Steven Rivera & K-9 Van Snapp, with a hearty lunch from Mario's Italian Cafe!



## Alumni in the News Update

*Congratulations to all LCV alumni and current students selected for Palm Springs Life Magazine's 40 under 40, including:*

**Amir Asfar (LCV 10), Ezekiel Bonillas (LCV 07), Liberty Naud (LCV 14), Bianca Rae (LCV 15), Erin Scott (LCV 12)**

*Be sure to send us your news and updates at [leadershipcv@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipcv@gmail.com), while our new website gets updated. Thank you!*

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## JOIN US: ALUMNI MIXER AT CV BREWING CO

*Wednesday, November 12*

*30640 Gunther St, Thousand Palms 92276*



Please save the date for the upcoming Alumni mixer at the Coachella Valley Brewing Company from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Enjoy beer tasting, appetizers & networking with your fellow classmates and LCV alumni. \$10 students & alumni (Alumni Council Members FREE); \$20 guests. RSVP to [leadershipcv@gmail.com](mailto:leadershipcv@gmail.com)



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Leadership Coachella Valley is a program designed to identify, motivate and develop future community leaders. The program encourages involvement by providing knowledge and perspective on valleywide needs and concerns. Each month, participants meet current community leaders in forum and group discussion settings.