



## **SAGE Young Adult Leadership Advisory Board Mission, Goals and LAB Leader Biographies**

The SAGE young adult Leadership Advisory Board (LAB) serves as an intergenerational bridge to advance solutions to challenges facing younger and future generations.

The LAB advances its mission through three interrelated goals:

1. To help identify and prioritize the challenges facing our shared future;
2. To confront these challenges through intergenerational action; and
3. To create an enduring culture of activism and civic duty in young adults through participation in the LAB, and to inspire older adults to volunteer in efforts prioritized by the LAB.

### **Read on to learn about our LAB Leaders**



**Amelia Diana** is a student at Lincoln High School. She participated in the 2016 National Champion Constitution Team, and through that program, she found her passion for civics and community engagement. She volunteers for *Mission: Citizen* to help immigrants prepare for their naturalization exams. She also interns at the Oregon League of Conservation Voters to promote environmental awareness and policy.



**James Ellsworth** is the Co-Chair of the LAB and also serves as the Engagement Organizer for the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, a nonprofit that works to pass laws that protect Oregon's environmental legacy. James has lived in all parts of Oregon, enjoying the amazing natural wonders of this state. He holds a B.S. from Southern Oregon University, majoring in Environmental Studies. While at SOU, he was the director of environmental affairs with the student government and played a leading role in the team that developed a new on campus sustainability center.



**Kristen Grauer** is the Co-Chair of the LAB and also serves as the Training Program Coordinator at the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, a nonprofit that works across the state to strengthen and connect nonprofit leaders, organizations, and the sector as a whole. She also volunteers with the Grauer Back-to-School Project, a nonprofit that prepares immigrant, refugee and low-income families in Southwest Portland for the academic year. She holds a B.A. from Carnegie Mellon University, majoring in Global Studies and minoring in Marketing and Hispanic Studies.



**Mike Kimble** is a graduate student in the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University, with interests in GIS, sustainability and equity initiatives and applications, and the future of Portland planning in general. Mike is originally from Northeast Pennsylvania, where he earned his Bachelor's degree, and currently resides across the Columbia River in southern Washington. During his undergraduate work, he participated in his campus' Beyond Coal Campaign and Green Campus Initiative, and chose to attend PSU specifically for its sustainability focus. He hopes to use his time at the LAB advocating for, and learning how to promote, sustainability initiatives that are equitably and evenly distributed.



**Danielle Lessler** recently graduated from Portland State University with degrees in Accounting and Supply & Logistics Management. Originally from the United Kingdom, Danielle has become an active member of the PSU community and is passionate about helping other students meet their educational and career goals. She will begin her career in public accounting in October of 2017.



**Phoebe Petersen** is the Program and Communications Specialist for the Oregon literacy nonprofit SMART (Start Making A Reader Today). She has worked in the education field in various capacities, including as an elementary school teacher in Baltimore, a media coordinator for a global education organization, and through volunteer work with a prison education organization. She holds a B.A. in history from the University of Oregon, and a master's degree in education from Johns Hopkins University.



**Kelly Ryu** is a student at Lincoln High School and a member of Lincoln's Constitutional Team. As a volunteer, she has managed fundraisers to help students of all ages who are experiencing homelessness. She is the head of the fundraising department of the Political Action Campaign called SHOVELS! where she works to improve conditions within schools. Kelly is also a math tutor through organizations like KUMON, and an instructional master at World Champion Taekwondo West Union.



**Kelsey Shaw** is a Pacific Northwest native with a passion for wildlife conservation and ecosystem restoration. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology and Sociology from Pacific University, where she developed skills and knowledge of conservation efforts around the world. In Portland, Kelsey seeks to inspire conservation through community outreach – cultivating love and respect for nature through education and adventure. For fun, she enjoys the Northwest's many hiking trails by day and the soccer fields by night.



**Akash Singh** is a Student Fellow at the Institute for Sustainable Solutions, a member of the STAR Research Lab at Portland State University, and the Vice President of Portland Science Advocates. He is a black carbon co-benefits intern and environmental justice organizer at Neighbors for Clean Air, a local nonprofit helping lead the charge on air pollution regulatory efforts. Akash is also a representative of the Environmental Justice Task Force and the NAACP on Governor Kate Brown's Cleaner Air Oregon Board, which is tasked with creating a public health-focused, statewide air pollution regulatory framework.



**Carmen Vintro** is a student at Lincoln High School and a member of the National Honors Society. She has participated in Lincoln's Constitution Team, and volunteers for Mission: Citizen to teach a class that helps green card holders pass the citizenship test. She speaks French and spends her free time playing volleyball.

**To learn more about the LAB or to meet a LAB Leader, call SAGE at 971-717-6570 or email [info@wearesage.org](mailto:info@wearesage.org).**