



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

The SAGE young leaders advisory board (LAB) serves as an intergenerational bridge to advance solutions to challenges facing younger and future generations.

The LAB pursues 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



Cayla Bleoaja is an Honors student studying psychology, politics, and organizational communications at George Fox University. Her field experience includes community advocacy through the World Affairs Council of Oregon, legislative research in the Oregon State Senate, foreign policy research at the American Enterprise Institute in D.C., and clinical psychology research at Randall Children Hospital's child abuse resource center. With her sister, she has released three studio albums and performed in over 200 concerts in support of local nonprofits. Cayla is passionate about education, mental well-being, and using the arts as an intergenerational bridge for building community.



Alli Davis graduated from Portland State University with degrees in accounting and finance. In 2019, she published an undergraduate thesis which analyzes how universities can better support transfer students while they search for internships and full-time jobs. She serves as the Alumni Co-chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee within Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honors society that strives to bridge the gap between academia and the professional world. She believes intergenerational mentorship makes higher education more accessible and increases the financial security of future generations.



Kristen Grauer is Development Manager at Green Empowerment, a nonprofit founded and based in Portland that helps rural communities around the world access clean water and renewable energy, often for the first time. She champions the organization's local fundraising efforts, donor stewardship activities and communications strategy. She is deeply connected to Portland's nonprofit sector having previously worked for organizations like the Nonprofit Association of Oregon and Partners Diversity. She holds a B.A. from Carnegie Mellon University, majoring in Global Studies, with a focus on human rights and Latin

American socio-political history. In addition to serving on the LAB, Kristen is a member of SAGE's Board of Directors and SAGE's Executive Committee.



Mike Kimble graduated from Portland State University's Master of Urban and Regional Planning program; his interests include GIS (Geographic Information Systems), 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 southwest 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.



Megan McGinnis brings her unique experience in Education, Environment, and Energy to the LAB Board. Knowing that the diverse environments thrive, Megan prioritizes diversity, equity and inclusion in every role she takes on. She has spent her life as an educator working in both youth and adult education and loves finding ways to use education as a tool to lift communities. Megan is the Energy Program Manager at Self-Enhancement Inc. (SEI), a non-profit in Portland focused on providing culturally specific services to families throughout Multnomah County. She is also the Head Coach of the Women's Lacrosse Team at Portland State. When not working, Megan lives a hyggeligt life with her lovely wife and cat.



Phoebe Petersen is the Communications Manager 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.



Andrew Weiss Born and raised in Oregon, Andrew has always had a big heart for empowering communities around him. Through doing various leadership camps and programs and volunteering an entire summer with Beaverton PAL, he strongly believes in paying it forward every chance he gets. He holds a B.A. from University of Oregon, majoring in Advertising, and since he graduated, he has experience being the executive director of the non-profit Kidstarter and has since joined the non-profit YEBW (Young Entrepreneurs Business Week) as the student engagement officer. Apart from traveling around Oregon to inspire high school youth, he is also a public speaking coach and published author. A fan of puns, you can find his book "Toucan Play at this Game: A story of 100 Bird Puns" on Amazon. He looks forward to making a big impact with SAGE!

To learn more about the LAB or to meet a LAB Leader, call SAGE at 971-717-6570 or email hello@wearesage.org.