



Leadership Tomorrow Picks Sue Bennett as New Executive Director

SEATTLE – October 26, 2017 – Today Leadership Tomorrow (LT) announced the appointment of Sue Bennett as its new executive director, replacing Jan Levy who is retiring at the end of the year.

Bennett is a graduate of the LT program ('94) and has been the organization's Senior Leadership Director since 2013. She has led the development of new programs to enhance the knowledge, leadership skills and civic engagement of LT's more than 2000 alumni. Bennett has served as a key LT ambassador in Seattle and throughout the Puget Sound region. She has attracted businesses as well as non-profit and public sector organizations to support LT and send their staff through the ten-month program.

"Sue embodies the value of servant leadership that is the foundation of Leadership Tomorrow," said Dave Burman, Chair of the Leadership Tomorrow Board of Directors. "She is in the best position to lead LT without skipping a beat. Sue shares our commitment to developing leaders who are engaged, knowledgeable and understand the importance of actively addressing issues that impact our community."

"Leadership Tomorrow is a tremendous program that has made a big impact in the Puget Sound community," said Bennett. "Now more than ever we need leaders who understand the complexity of the issues facing our region and have the skills and experience necessary to work across sectors and across silos to find solutions that make our community stronger. I'm honored to be a part of this incredible organization."

Prior to coming to LT, Bennett worked for Philanthropy Northwest as their Senior Learning Manager, designing programs to support over 800 grant-makers across the Pacific Northwest. She has also developed and led new programming at Child Care Resources, the Wilder Foundation and Honeywell, bringing experience from many sectors to the work at Leadership Tomorrow.

Bennett has served numerous other roles in the community as a volunteer, including serving on the board of the Washington Women's Foundation, Planned Parenthood Board of Advocates, Cancer Lifeline, Child Care Resources, and tutoring and mentoring young adults as part of Year Up.

About Leadership Tomorrow

Leadership Tomorrow starts with a structured ten-month program that includes an unmatched curriculum focused on current and emerging regional issues. Participants gain a close network of people working in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. They also gain a deeper understanding of what civic engagement means today, and how race and social justice are fundamental leadership issues. But that's just the first step. LT alumni benefit from lifelong connections, filled with opportunities to learn more, refine leadership skills and give back. Among the more than 2,000 graduates of LT over the past 34 years, notable alumni include Steve Gonzalez, Justice, Washington State Supreme Court, Joanne Harrell, Chair of the University of Washington Board of Regents and Senior Director, USA Citizenship at Microsoft, and Alan Mulally, former CEO of Ford Motor Company.