## Leadership Wyoming Class 2018

# AGENDA- ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE ECONOMY January 11-13, 2018, Lander/Riverton

### **ISSUE AWARENESS SESSION**

ADVANCE MAILING Agenda

**ASSIGNMENT/HOMEWORK** Wyoming Business Report articles

**ENDOW** report

**DISCUSSION POINTS** 

Overall: The challenges facing Wyoming's economy and

whether Wyoming will grow or not.

Myths and Reality:

• Wyoming's Economic Needs

• Tradition versus Change

Does Wyoming want economic development?

**Growth Debate:** 

• Is it important to grow Wyoming's economy?

Barriers to Economic Development

Dependency on Minerals

**Wyoming Business Council:** 

• Is the model the right model for Wyoming?

What are its successes?

**Economic Development/ Business Tours** 

Lander

Riverton

• Wind River Reservation

#### **CLASS QUESTIONS**

- State's economic development: What can we really expect and is the current approach working?
- How can Wyoming foster entrepreneurship or is it possible?
- What is the status of local economic development efforts in Fremont County and the ties to the Wyoming Business Council, BOCES, etc.?
- How do the communities of Lander, Riverton, and the Reservation differ?

#### **KEY SESSION QUESTIONS**

- How does economic development work in these three places?
- What have been the key issues/challenges?
- What have been the successes?
- What are the obstacles to success?
- What are the local economic drivers?
- Who are the key community trustees?

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#### LODGING

Wind River Hotel and Casino (Wednesday)

10269 WY-789

Riverton, WY 82501

(307)856-3964 or (866)657-1604

Holiday Inn Express (Thursday and Friday)

1005 11<sup>th</sup> Street Lander, WY 82520 (307)332-4005

**DRESS CODE** Business Casual

CLASS ABSENSES Janelle Fletcher

Mary Katherine Scott

## WEDNESDAY, January 10th

4:00 p.m. - Wind River Job Corps Center Tour (Optional) 5:00 p.m.

Wind River Job Corps Center Contact: Christa Stream 4200 Airport Road Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 856-9700

## THURSDAY, January 11th

#### 8:00 a.m. Breakfast and Meeting at Wind River Hotel and Casino

Wind River Hotel and Casino, Cottonwood Room 10269 Highway 789 Riverton, WY 82501

*Driving Directions:* Casino is just beyond Riverton on the way to Lander.

Breakfast Buffet (Sponsored by: Wind River Hotel & Casino)

Welcome and Class Reconnections

8:45 a.m. - "Barriers to Entry: Challenges of Starting Businesses on the 10:00 a.m. Wind River Reservation"

#### **Moderator:**

Leslie Shakespeare, Councilman, Class 2017 Eastern Shoshone Business Council PO Box 1049 Fort Washakie, WY 82514 (307) 349-1748 lshakespeare@easternshoshone.org

#### **Panelists:**

Jim Conrad, Chief Executive Officer Wind River Casino & Hotel 10269 Hwy 789, PO Box 1989 Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 840-5933 jeconrad789@gmail.com Cy Lee, Executive Director Wind River Development Fund PO Box 661 Fort Washakie, WY 82514 (307) 335-7330 cy@wrdf.org

Sheila Matt, General Manager Shoshone Rose Casino 5690 US-287 Lander, WY 82520 (307) 206-7000 smatt@shoshonerose.com

Mike Ute, Coach/Owner Crossfit Leveler 145 Ethete Road Fort Washakie, WY 82514 (406) 577-6585 Mike@CrossFitLeveler.com

10:00 a.m. - BREAK 10:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m. - Group Tours: Devon Energy, Legacy Molding and Pitch Engine 11:45 a.m.

**NOTE:** Class will split into two groups. Carpooling is recommended.

#### **GROUP A:**

Devon Energy (Tour: 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.) Contact: Nick Agopian, Class 2012 45 Beaver Creek Oil Field Road

Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 634-6580

nick.agopian@dvn.com

Lunch - 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Location: Devon Energy, 45 Beaver Creek Oil Field Road)

#### **Lunch Guests:**

Scott Covington, Tom Kropatsch and Kimberly Mazza

Pitch Engine (Tour: 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Contact: Fabian Lobera 2255 Brunton Court Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 349-8211 fl@pitchengine.com

#### **GROUP B:**

Legacy Molding (Tour: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

Contact: Rob Wright 1070 W. Main Street #A Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 857-1111 Ext. 101 rob@legacymolding.com

Lunch - 12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Location: Devon Energy, 45 Beaver Creek Oil Field Road)

#### **Lunch Guests:**

Scott Covington, Tom Kropatsch and Kimberly Mazza

Devon Energy (Tour: 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

Contact: Nick Agopian, Class 2012 45 Beaver Creek Oil Field Road Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 634-6580 nick.agopian@dvn.com

## 3:30 p.m. - Break / Travel to Lander / Check into hotel

4:30 p.m.

**Holiday Inn Express** 

1005 11<sup>th</sup> Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 332-4005

## 4:30 p.m.- Explore Lander Main Street (Optional)

6:00 p.m.

Stop by the Lander Chamber to take a tour with Brian!

## **6:00 p.m.- Leadership Wyoming Reception** (Appetizers and Drinks Available) **7:30 p.m.**

Great opportunity to meet local Leadership Wyoming graduates!

Mill House

125 Main Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 349-9254

**Beer/Wine Sponsor: Sweetwater Food and Beverage LLC Ron Hansen, Class 2013** 

7:30 p.m.- Bhava Shala and Low Water String Band (Optional) 9:00 p.m.

Bhava Shala

111 S. First Street Lander, WY 82520 https://bhavashala.com

## FRIDAY, January 12th

7:00 a.m.- Complimentary Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express

**7:45 a.m.** (Please make plans to eat before meeting begins.)

Meeting Location: Pronghorn Lodge, 150 E. Main Street, Monarch Room

8:00 a.m.- Preferred Vision for Wyoming 2028

9:30 a.m.

Frank Galey, Ki ThoughtBridge Associate/Leadership Wyoming Consultant

9:30 a.m.- BREAK

9:45 a.m.

9:45 a.m.- "Economic Development in Fremont County and Wyoming" 10:45 a.m.

#### **Moderator:**

**Kevin Kershisnik**, General Manager & Director/Executive Director, Class 2017 Pertech Industries and IDEA, Inc. 213 W. Main Street, Suite C

Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 851-9592 IDEA.KevinK@gmail.com

#### **Panelists:**

Andy Gramlich, Member Lander Economic Development Association 485 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 349-5734 agramlich@landereda.org Sarah Hamlin, Business Advisor Small Business Development Center 213 W. Main Street, Suite C Riverton, WY 82501 (307) 851-2029 slancast@uwyo.edu

#### Shawn Reese, CEO

Wyoming Business Council 214 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street Cheyenne, WY 82001 (307) 777-2800 shawn.reese@wyo.gov

#### Liz Simpson, Planning Commission Member

Town of Dubois PO Box 1062 Dubois, WY 82513 (307) 399-4628 drlizsimpson@gmail.com

## 10:45 a.m. - "Let's Speed Date: Wyoming's Landscapes in the Economy" 11:45 a.m.

#### **Local, Region and/or State Participants:**

Joy Bannon, Wyoming Wildlife Federation, Class 2010
Ron Hansen, Wind River Outdoor Company, Class 2013
Paula McCormick, Wind River Country
Dan McCoy, UW Natural Resources Recreation and Tourism
Travis McNiven, U.S. Senator John Barrasso, Class 2017
Bruce Palmer, NOLS
Milward Simpson, The Nature Conservancy
Darran Wells, Central Wyoming College

#### 11:45 a.m. - Lunch 1:30 p.m.

### "Entrepreneurship Evolution: How Brunton Continues to Shape Startups in Fremont County"

#### **Moderator:**

Even Brande, President/CEO, Class 2006 Handel Technologies PO Box 1453 Laramie, WY 82073 (307) 742-5555 even@handelit.com

#### **Panelists:**

Mike Jones, President Fremont Knives PO Box 1812 Lander, WY 82520 (970) 297-8957 mjones31957@gmail.com

#### Jason Kintzler, Founder and CEO

Pitch Engine 333 Main Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 851-7689 jk@pitchengine.com

#### Fabian Lobera, Chief Operating Officer

Pitch Engine 333 Main Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 349-8211 fl@pitchengine.com

### Cade Maestas, Vice President of Sales and Operations Maven Outdoor Equipment Company

485 N. 4th Street Lander, WY 82520 (800) 307-1109 cade@mavenbuilt.com

## 1:30 p.m. - Break and Travel to Lander Area Tours

1:45 p.m.

### 2:00 p.m.- Lander Area Tours

3:15 p.m.

**NOTE:** Class will split into two groups. Carpooling is recommended.

#### **GROUP A:**

Eagle Bronze Foundry (Tour: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

Contact: Kayla Griffin 130 Poppy (Lander Industrial Park) Lander, WY 82520 (307) 332-5436

#### **GROUP B:**

NOLS Rocky Mountain (Tour: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

Contact: Andy Blair and Anne Pike 502 Lincoln Street Lander, WY 82520 (307) 332-5300

<u>The following Sinks Canyon activity is optional</u>. If you are planning to participate in the Sinks Canyon cave adventure you will want change into attire that you do not mind getting a little dirty. Please be sure you have completed the required liability release form. The cave tour will be limited to 20 participants.

3:45 p.m. - Depart from Holiday Inn Express to Sinks Canyon 4:00 p.m.

Sinks Canyon Visitors Center Contact: Jamie Simonson 3079 Sinks Canyon Road Lander, WY 82520

**4:00 p.m. - Sinks Canyon Overview** (In Visitor Center, all are welcome) **4:30 p.m.** 

4:30 p.m. - Sinks Canyon Cave Tour

**5:15 p.m.** \*\* Liability Waver Release Form Required \*\*

**6:00 p.m. - Reception and Dinner** (Cash Bar Available) **8:00 p.m.** (*Reception begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.*)

(Sponsored by: *Fremont Motors*)

Middle Fork 351 Main Street Lander, WY 82520

**Special Guest Speakers:** 

David Chicoine, Interim Dean, College of Business University of Wyoming John Lee, Director of Operations, Go West LLC

## SATURDAY, January 13th

8:00 a.m.- Breakfast - Pronghorn Lodge, Monarch Meeting Room

8:30 a.m.

**History/Trivia...**Jim Mowry

8:30 a.m.- Class Project "Check In"

9:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.- "Ghost Towns of Wyoming"

10:00 a.m. Featuring: Jeffrey City, Lander and South Pass City

Joe Ellis, Superintendent South Pass City Historic Site 54 Dakota South Pass City, WY 82520 (307) 332-3684 joeellis@wyoming.com

Jerry Kendall, Author jerrydon1950@hotmail.com

**Bill Sniffin,** Author and Photographer Wyoming Wonders PO Box 900 Lander, WY 82520 (307) 349-2211 bsniffin@wyoming.com

10:00 a.m.- BREAK

10:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m.- Personal Mission Team Conversations

11:15 a.m.

Margaret Benson, Ki ThoughtBridge Associate/Leadership Wyoming Consultant

11:15 a.m.- Class Collect: Entrepreneurship and the Economy

12:15 p.m.

*Even Brande,* Leadership Wyoming Advisory Board Member *Mandy Fabel,* Leadership Wyoming Executive Director

12:15 p.m.- Complete Session Evaluations

12:30 p.m.- ADJOURN

## ATTENDING ADVISORY BOARD, ALUMNI & STAFF

#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

Even Brande, Class 2006 Frank Galey, Class 2006 Linda Lindsey, Class 2009

#### **ALUMNI MEMBERS**

Nick Agopian, Class 2012 Joy Bannon, Class 2010 Joe Ellis, Class 2008 Ron Hansen, Class 2013 Kevin Kershisnik, Class 2017 Arlen Lancaster, Class 2012 Travis McNiven, Class 2017 Leslie Shakespeare, Class 2017

#### LEADERSHIP WYOMING STAFF

Mandy Fabel, Executive Director
Frank Galey – Integrated Work of Leadership Consultant and Ki ThoughtBridge Associate
Margaret Benson-Integrated Work of Leadership Consultant and Ki ThoughtBridge Associate
Linda Walsh- Event/Program Coordinator

#### **CONTACTS**

| Leadership Wyoming (Casper)          | (307) 577-8000 | Mandy Fabel | (307) 349-6710 |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Holiday Inn Express (Lander)         | (307) 332-4005 | Linda Walsh | (307) 262-8574 |
| Wind River Hotel & Casino (Riverton) | (307) 856-3964 |             |                |

## **Wind River Job Corps Center Tour**

| Jennifer Amend  |  |
|-----------------|--|
| Richard Garrett |  |
| Dennis Jack     |  |
| Joe MacGuire    |  |
| Kristi Racines  |  |
| JoAnn True      |  |

## **Sinks Canyon Cave Tour**

| Sandy Baird        | Derrek Jerred  |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Corey Billington   | Mathias Jung   |
| Even Brande        | Joe MacGuire   |
| Cori Cosner-Burton | Rob Miller     |
| Randi Downham      | Jim Mowry      |
| Brian Fabel        | Amy Pierson    |
| Mandy Fabel        | Kristi Racines |
| Dennis Jack        | Steve Russell  |

#### **Thursday Reception Alumni Attendees:**

Aaron Bannon (2012)

Kris Benson (2012)

Roger Bower (2008) and Guest

Jeff Buchanan (2015)

Carol Chidsey (2010)

Andi Clifford (2010) and Guest

Pip Coe (2011)

Ron Hansen (2013)

Linda Lindsey (2009)

Sergio Maldonado (2009)

Steve Moldt (2016) and Guest

Lori Ridgway (2016)

Leslie Shakespeare (2017)

RaJean Strube Fossen (2011)

Travis Welch (2017)