



Cultivate, Communicate, Collaborate, Inspire, Serve

2016 - 17 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION

We cultivate leaders in agriculture, forestry and natural resources who communicate, collaborate, inspire and serve.

VISION

To positively impact and enrich lives and communities in Washington State and throughout the world with leading edge solutions for challenges faced by Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources.



Message from Craig Crider

Chairman, Board of Trustees

Valued Alumni, Supporters and Friends of AgForestry,

I'm pleased to share that the foundation had another excellent year. Under Sheryl's leadership and active board participation we remain focused on our goals of assuring we have a well-operated and impactful leadership program, and positioning AgForestry for ongoing success.

One important measure of our success is profitability. Thanks to your generous support, we again ended the year "in the black." A few of the memorable achievements from the past year include:

- ◆ Welcoming Class 40, likely "The Best Class Ever" to the leadership program.
- ◆ Successfully recruiting a new member of the Foundation's administrative team and making enhancements to the Foundation operation.
- ◆ Adoption of new Mission and Vision Statements.
- ◆ Being awarded four grants totaling \$23,500, including new funders.
- ◆ Selection of a highly qualified asset management team to administer the Endowment Fund.
- ◆ Continued growth of the Alumni council reinforcing AgForestry as an avenue for involvement and leadership in ag, forestry, and natural resources ...not to mention great networking experiences with friends old and new.

As a board and management team we have identified and are pursuing additional opportunities to enhance the Foundation's vitality. We are proud to work with a wide range of dedicated, caring and organizations. From government and universities to producers, processors and related services, there's a genuine groundswell and focus on the continuing success of AgForestry and its mission to "cultivate leaders who communicate, collaborate, inspire and serve."

It is an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. With your support and involvement, there's a bright future for AgForestry.

Craig

Message from Sheryl McGrath

President

A very sincere Thank You to our Giving Partners! You make it possible for AgForestry to thrive and cultivate leaders in agriculture, forestry and natural resources.

This Annual Report is our way to recognize you and share our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity.

In telling our story of the past year, we are featuring Class 38's International Seminar and Class 39's National Government Seminar. We are introducing our newly adopted Mission and Vision Statements that truly reflect who we are and what we do. Also, we are highlighting some honors we received.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to cultivating leaders who communicate, collaborate, inspire and serve.

*Warmly,
Sheryl*

EXPLORING INDIA & NEPAL

Class 38 International Seminar

Thanks to your generous support, Class 38 members were inspired to be better people and more effective leaders during their journey. We hope you enjoy learning more about the trip through their photos and reflections.



Producers are constantly being forced to comply with new food safety standards, and I often find myself complaining about these regulations. In India, I was scared to eat some of the food and I did not drink the tap water - let alone brush my teeth with it. Suddenly, I appreciated the rules and regulations back home, and most importantly the leadership it takes to implement them. - *Ben St. Mary*



Sheroes Hangout was sobering. I found great value in being able to see people that represent some of India's dark side, and yet the women "fighters" (fighting against acid attacks) made the choice to be leaders by stepping up and being a voice for so many others whom have also been effected by acid attacks. - *Brian Baumann*



We saw what extreme poverty and subsistence living looks like, and we were inspired to live greatly. Thank you! - *Nathan Sakuma*



The wholesale produce market was by far one of my favorite experiences. Being able to understand how a different produce distribution system works was fascinating. Finding Stemilt apples in the market brought the whole global picture together! - *Hilary Aten*



Life is pretty good here in Washington State. As frustrating as our government and the bureaucracy can be, at least the air we breathe is clean, our drinking water and our rivers are protected, and restrooms hold fewer surprises. - *Terry Doherty*

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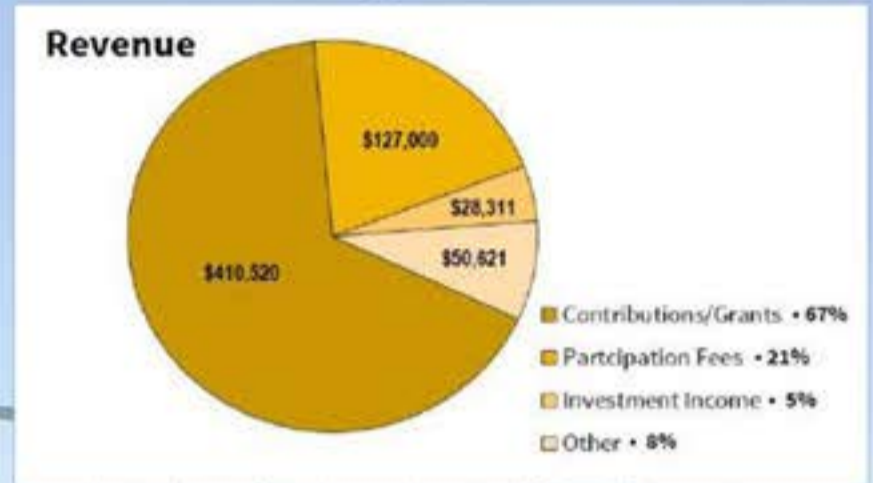
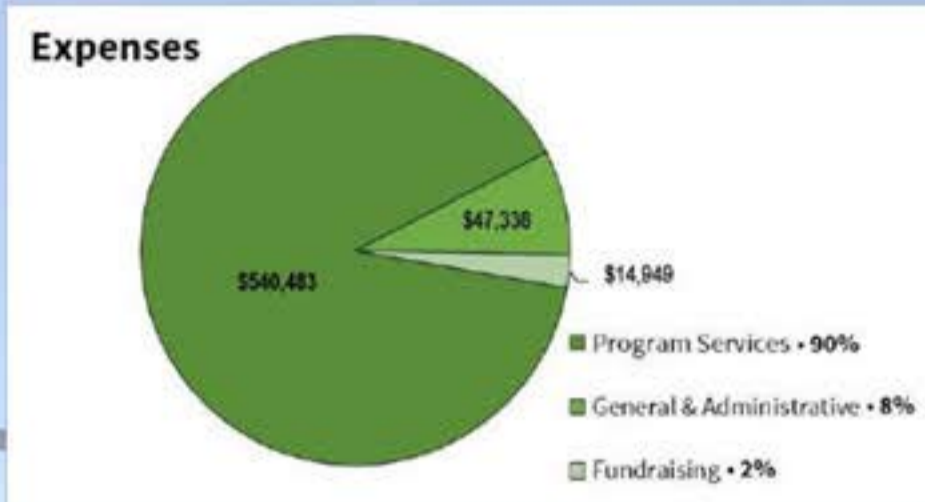
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WASHINGTON D.C. EXPERIENCE

Class 39 had the opportunity to interact with leaders at the Federal level during their seminar in Washington D.C. They experienced a taste of our Nation's past, present and future.



The level of access to federal government officials we were granted through the AgForestry Program was incredible. I felt that it was a great culmination of the leadership skills we've developed so far in the program and really enjoyed the opportunity to put them to use in our Nation's Capital. - Trevor



The entire trip was awe-inspiring. From a leadership perspective, I gained the perspective that our government Rep.s and NGOs not only work from us, but want to hear from us. - Scott Witt



The great examples of leadership styles by people in our class and our national leaders both past and present was a constant reminder to be ourselves and use our strengths and passion when we lead. - Jean Snyder



I want to put all this knowledge, tools, training, and networking AgForestry is providing me to work by ACTING on my convictions.

- Rebecca Jones



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Spokane Mayor David Condon presented President Sheryl McGrath with the **City of Spokane's Proclamation**:

On behalf of the Citizens of Spokane proclaimed the week of **June 25th through July 1st, of 2017**
- Agriculture and Forestry Week



AGORA Awards is the region's premier business awards ceremony that celebrates and recognizes business excellence presented by Greater Spokane Incorporated.



AgForestry was honored to be recognized in the small non-profit category.
 Donna, Matt, Sheryl, Wendy (not pictured Deborah)



AgForestry Leadership President Sheryl McGrath was chosen as one of the Regions' **Women in Business Leadership Award** honorees in Spokane-Coeur d'Alene Living magazine.

This event celebrates strong and motivating women who lead in our community and excel in their vocation.



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