

# URBAN LEADERS LIVE

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## IMPORTANT ULT DATES

<b>1/10</b>	ULT Training
<b>1/17</b>	ULT Training
<b>1/20</b>	MLK Day of Service with PCCD
<b>1/24-26</b>	ULT Retreat
<b>Ongoing:</b>	One-on-one meetings with Kari



To say December was a wonderful month would be an understatement for the Urban Leaders in Training Team. Noah Baskett led the team in training revolving around Relational Leadership. We looked at the importance of relationships at work, in our personal lives and as leaders. A tour of Stadium High School and conversation with Sarah Erickson brought out great questions, obstacles and information about creating relationships that are meaningful while operating within a system that does not focus on relationships.

Our December Service Day was dedicated to The Rescue Mission. Urban Leaders in Training helped parents to shop for Christmas gifts for their children as well as helped with wrapping gifts for these kiddos. The experience was rewarding for all people involved. It was a long day for members but they remained positive and made the experience for the families absolutely wonderful. We rounded out December with the Northwest Leadership Foundation's Christmas Party. It was such a joy to just spend time together with no training, no service, no agenda, just fun. The Urban Leaders in Training team continues to impress all those they interact with and NLF was grateful to have them at the party.

As ULT begins to attack 2014 with great force there is much on the horizon. From Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, a new focus on reconciling leadership and the ULT Retreat, January looks like it's going to be a great month. Keep your eyes out for the great things these members are doing in the community and give them thanks when you see them!

I can only imagine what this team will accomplish in 2014!

~ Kari

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

## The First Tee of South Puget Sound



The First Tee of South Puget Sound impacts the lives of young people in the South Puget Sound by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promotes healthy choices through the game of golf. Participation is open to all youth regardless of background. First Tee does focus on young people who have historically not had access to the game of golf.

First Tee's vision is to teach nine core values providing the vehicle, through which kids can accomplish their dreams, thrive socially, excel academically and athletically, and become productive members of society with integrity, strong family values and commitment to community. The First Tee of South Puget Sound is a new ULT partner this year and has been a wonderful worksite for Caitlin Holland.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Marisol Rosado (Act Six)

**Marisol** grew up in Parkland, WA. As an Act Six scholar, she attended Whitworth University, where she majored in Sociology and minored in Theology and U.S. Cultural Studies. This year she transitioned into the role of a program assistant for Act Six, which has given her an inside perspective on the higher education system. While most of her work has been behind-the-scenes so far, Marisol is looking forward to actually engaging with the new scholars that are selected this year and building relationships with them.

After Americorps, Marisol plans to attend graduate school. She is still discerning which program, but knows that she wants to stay in the Pacific Northwest!



## IN THE COMMUNITY

Great news for Lincoln High School! Lincoln math teacher and football coach Jon Kitna came out of retirement when he was signed by the Dallas Cowboys to play as a third-string quarterback in a game versus the Philadelphia Eagles at the end of December 2013. Although the Cowboys lost the game, Kitna received a \$55,000 signing bonus, which he plans to donate to Lincoln's Boosters Club. Before becoming a math teacher, Kitna grew up in Tacoma and was a student at Lincoln High School. He played football throughout college and it became a career when he was drafted to the NFL. Kitna retired from his football career in 2012, when he joined the staff at Lincoln and began to rebuild its football program. Kitna has served as an excellent role model to his students and team members as someone who has used their success to influence and transform their communities.

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**Fun ULT Stats!**  
**16** ULT members at **14** work sites  
**4** Months  
 Over **6,300** hours dedicated to worksites  
**22** Hours devoted to **4** service projects  
**16** Training days  
**68** Hours of training  
**2** leadership lenses: Contextual and Relational

Check out these fun ways to get involved in Tacoma!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**  
**Advocacy 101 Workshop**  
 6:30-8:30 pm, Keystone United Church of Christ in Seattle

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**  
**26th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration**  
 11 am-1 pm, Greater Tacoma Convention Center

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**  
**Seattle Tutoring Coalition Staff-Volunteer Communication Training\***  
 11 am-1 pm, Seattle Treehouse Building

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 & 29**  
**Work/Life Balance Panel Discussion\***  
 12pm, University of Washington-Tacoma Campus

*\*Events are free but RSVP required. Look online for details.*