

Welcome, James Layman!

James Layman joined the AWSL staff in August 2017 as a programming specialist and Eastern Washington Support. James has been involved in student leadership with AWSL since the summer of 2001, having attended Mt. Baker Leadership Camp and serving as a Junior Counselor at Mt. Triumph Leadership for three summers. James currently serves as co-director of Mission Peak Leadership Camp and is a senior counselor at Mt. Triumph and Chewelah Peak Leadership Camps. A graduate of Central Valley High School, James attended Eastern Washington University with focuses in Music Education, Psychology and African-American History. He has taught band and marching band throughout the Spokane area at Gonzaga Prep, St. Aloysius, St. Charles, All Saints Catholic Schools and Mt. Spokane High School. James lives in Spokane where he enjoys hanging with family and friends. Welcome, James!



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2018 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference Registration and Housing is Live!

Registration for the 2018 AWSP/WASA Summer Conference has launched! Get ready for another fantastic conference designed for principals, assistant principals, superintendents, administrative interns and other district-level administrators. The conference theme is "Leadership: Equity in Action." You must register to gain access to the housing reservation system. **Please note this is a non-Hoopfest year.** Housing reservations will be monitored closely to ensure that only registrants have made reservations in the conference room blocks. Learn more and register at [www.awsp.org/SC18](http://www.awsp.org/SC18).

Welcome, Alli Jorgenson!



Alli Jorgenson

Alli Jorgenson joined AWSP in January 2018 as the director of finance. She graduated from Olympia High School and received her bachelor's in accounting from Saint Martin's University. Alli is also close to finishing her master's in the Science of Accounting program at Golden Gate University. In her free time she likes spending time with family and friends, riding her horse Charlie, hiking, fishing and being out on the water. Welcome, Alli!

WASA's Doyle E. Winter Scholarship for Administrators

WASA is seeking nominations for the Dr. Doyle E. Winter Scholarship for Administrative Leadership in Education.

Designed to assist talented and committed educational administrators as they enhance those skills and abilities needed to serve as educational leaders in the field of public education, the \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a school administrator who is presently in or will begin a doctoral program in education. Apply today at [www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org). Applications are due April 25.



AWSP Partners with FINAO because "Failure Is Not An Option"



AWSP is proud to announce that we've recently partnered with FINAO Educa-

tion, who shares our mission of supporting principals and the students they serve. FINAO offers goal-setting tools that foster academic achievement and self improvement. Curious how FINAO can help build culture and give you actionable data around student involvement and engagement across all aspects of your school? Visit <https://www.finaoeducation.com>. (Psst...Know who else partners with FINAO? Former Seattle Seahawk Richard Sherman! Check out our interview with Richard on the difference administrators like you make in the lives of students on the AWSP YouTube channel.)



Tami Skillingstad

## AP of the Year: Tami Skillingstad

Congratulations to Tami Skillingstad, the 2018 Assistant Principal of the Year! Tami has been at Westwood Middle in Cheney PS for five years as assistant principal and athletic director. She has a passion for building leaders and involving them

in relevant activities that support school improvement goals. Her colleagues describe her as creative and innovative in designing solutions for middle school issues, such as the development of public service announcements about the importance of attendance that go out over the School Messenger System.

AWSP presented the award to Tami at her school on Feb. 1. The Washington State Assistant Principal of the Year honor alternates yearly between a middle level principal (selected by the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals) and a high school principal (selected by the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals).



Courtney Margolin

## Margolin New USA World Education Forum State Ambassador

The WEF-USA is pleased to announce that Courtney Margolin has volunteered to be the WEF-USA State Ambassador for Washington. Courtney began her career in

Evergreen Public Schools, serving

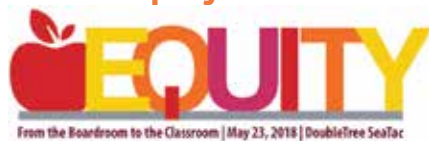
as a middle school English and history teacher for 10 years. She has done extensive work at the state level where she supported the creation and implementation of state assessments, served as an English Fellow, and is currently a member of the AWSP Vice Principals' Council. Courtney's administrative career began in the Longview School District. She is currently in her second year as the vice principal of Union Ridge Elementary in Ridgefield. Courtney is passionate about education and students. Congratulations, Courtney!

## Register for the 2018 Equity Conference

Registration is now open for this year's Equity Conference, taking place

Wednesday, May 23 at

the DoubleTree Hotel in SeaTac. Sponsored by AWSP, WASA and WSSDA, the Equity Conference is designed for leadership teams from districts, ESDs and state agencies. Learn more and register at [www.wasa-oly.org](http://www.wasa-oly.org).



## Peachjar

### **Send Parents School and Community Information Digitally**

With the majority of parents of school-age children being from the Gen-X and Millennial generations, it's becoming increasingly important to reach parents digitally. Enter Peachjar, a service that allows schools to deliver digital flyers to parents with important information about afterschool and school-related activities. Parents view district-approved flyers via email or on the school website. Peachjar aims to save schools and districts time and money, while also giving parents access to opportunities for their children that they might not have otherwise heard about.

The Peachjar website lists the following benefits:

- Ensure parents receive important school and community information
- Reduce administrative burden and leverage Peachjar's digital flyer template library
- Communicate with parents in their preferred channel
- Track parent engagement with metrics

Learn more at [www.peachjar.com](http://www.peachjar.com).