



ARKANSAS OUT OF SCHOOL NETWORK ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP IN ACTION GRADUATES

LITTLE ROCK, AR (July 13, 2020)–The Arkansas Out of School Network (AOSN) is pleased to announce eight new graduates from the Leadership in Action fellowship's 6th cohort.

The graduates participated in several training opportunities from fall 2019 through June 2020. Cohort members engaged in professional development and networking opportunities with regional and national experts from key content areas related to child development, leadership, and the OST field in general.

Engagement in the fellowship is intended to strengthen participants' leadership skills on a personal and professional level that will, in turn, make members of this cohort the leading voices and advocates for Out-of-School Time programs within the state.

This year's graduates include:

Brooke Bland, STEAM Coordinator, Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas

Brooke is the STEAM Coordinator for the Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma & Texas. She is located in Fort Smith and works with girls, parents & troop leaders to develop programs & events. She is a recent graduate from the UA - Fort Smith with a BS in Biology with Education.

Angie Horn, Director, Good Earth Learning Center, Austin

Angie Horn is the founder and director of Good Earth Learning Center, a forest and farm school. Angie has a Masters and Education degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and is pursuing a Doctorate in Psychology. She enjoys sharing nutrition education with families and creating a work and learning environment that is safe and positive.

Corbin Huffstutter, Youth Program Specialist, Our House, Little Rock

Corbin has worked as a Youth Program Specialist for over four years at Our House. Our House has a predominant focus on the homeless and near-homeless population in Central Arkansas. Along with his duties in the OST program, Corbin also provides free music lessons for a number of youth in the program.

Briley Hutchison, Program Manager, Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas

Briley currently resides in Central Arkansas, where she serves as Program Manager for Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. She is a 2020 graduate of University of Nebraska - Kearney with a Master of Arts in Education and alternative process photographer in her spare time.

Sarah Hyndman, Program Director, Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas

Sarah is the Program Director for Girl Scouts - Diamonds where she and her team manage events, partnerships and programs that bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to girls across 79 counties in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. She graduated from Hendrix College in 2013 with an interdisciplinary degree in Religion, Globalization and Culture. Sarah also volunteers at Friendship Camp, a volunteer-led interfaith summer day camp for elementary students.

Avis K Phifer, Program Coordinator, UA Little Rock Children International, Little Rock

For 10 years, Avis has been involved in the health field. Previously employed in the Health Promotion, Programs, and Education department at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, she is now utilizing her skills in the OST field at UA Little Rock Children International. Avis has utilized her skills to mentor, volunteer, and be a positive role model for students, their parents, and throughout the community.

Hannah Scanlon, Program Specialist, Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas

Hannah is a Program Specialist with Girl Scouts-Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas who is responsible for building & managing partnerships with West Arkansas programs. She oversees council travel initiatives,

including Global Action Volunteer & Destinations. A graduate from the University of Arkansas with a BS in Education, Hannah has a passion for non-traditional education.

Abby Smith, Director of Programming, SOAR, Springdale

Abby has been working for SOAR Afterschool for nearly 5 years. She has served as intern, staff member, site coordinator and now as the Director of Programming. Abby has a Bachelor's in Social Work from the University of Arkansas.

Since 2013, the Leadership in Action (LIA) Fellowship has aimed to provide a unique professional development experience for intermediate level OST administrators with supervisory, strategic planning and budgetary experience or other professionals working in and familiar with the Out-of-School Time (OST) field in Arkansas. Fellows of the LIA Series graduate as stronger advocates for quality OST programming and serve as regional experts and leaders in the area of OST quality programing and policy development.

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The Arkansas Out of School Network is one of 50 statewide afterschool networks working to promote an expansion of school-based and school-linked afterschool programs serving children and youth ages 5-19. AOSN's mission is to create safe, healthy and enriching experiences for Arkansas's youth during out of school time hours.

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