

NALC Leadership Academy



Graduation caps 7th session

The number of aspiring union activists to complete the NALC Leadership Academy passed 200 on June 5 with the presentation by President Bill Young of graduation certificates to 30 more successful participants.

The ceremony came at the conclusion of their third and final week of classroom study at the National Labor College in suburban Washington, DC. In his remarks, Young charged the graduates with continuing to expand their skills in problem-solving, communication and dispute resolution so they can do more for their brother

and sister letter carriers.

“You are my legacy,” he told them. “It is now up to you to go back to your branches and regions and repay the investment we’ve made in you.”

Executive Vice President Fred Rolando also addressed the graduates, thanking them for the sacrifices they have made, and urging them to continue to make the sacrifices necessary to further the goals of the union.

President Young created the Leadership Academy in 2005 and the curriculum was developed by NALC officers and staff. Former Executive Vice President Jim Williams and retired Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Jim Korolowicz serve as Academy directors. They work with Washington-based national officers, who lead many of the classroom sessions, as well as Director of Education



The Leadership Academy

Region 1

Darcie Gardea
Branch 1427
Santa Clara, CA

John Ortega
Branch 782
Bakersfield, CA

Region 2

George B. Heisler
Branch 650
Great Falls, MT

Lois M. Strobel
Branch 82
Portland, OR

Region 3

Yolanda R. Gipson
Branch 11
Chicago, IL

Kelly Pruka
Branch 245
Rockford, IL

Region 4

Phillip Chakos
Branch 6156
Sun City, AZ

Ronda Dreher
Branch 576
Phoenix, AZ

Region 5

Kevin Boyer
Branch 763
Columbia, MO

Dawn M. Trotter
Branch 314
Council Bluffs, IA

Region 6

Ruth Reddy
Branch 794
Cadillac, MI

Yatzie Roysden
Branch 1395
Lawrenceburg, IN

Region 7

JoAnn Gilbaugh
Branch 9
Minneapolis, MN

Darla S. Peterson
Branch 491
Sioux Falls, SD

Region 8

Mary B. Smith
Branch 1080
Greenwood, MS

Greg White
Branch 1374
Gulf Coast Merged

Region 9

Don Lyerly
Branch 2072
Fort Myers, FL

Brian Obst
Branch 599
Tampa, FL

Region 10

Javier J. Bernal
Branch 283
Houston, TX

Kimetra Lewis
Branch 132
Dallas, TX

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Top: Executive Vice President Fred Rolando addresses the graduates.

Below: Members of the Leadership Academy's seventh class listen to President Young.

Rolando photo courtesy of Darcie Gardea

Jamie Lumm and other staff members. The spring 2009 graduating class (*listed below*) was the seventh to complete the program. Typically there are two sessions per year.

The agenda, broken into three sections covering four months, is a rigorous combination of one-week stints of “on campus” classroom training and extended individual take-home projects. Each student works with a mentor, a current union leader, such as a branch president, who has pledged to support the student through the Academy process.

The 30-member fall 2009 class—two members from each of NALC’s 15 regions—was announced in the June *Postal Record*. That group’s classroom work at the labor college will take place August 10-14, October 5-9 and December 7-11.

New applicants sought

Applicants are being sought for 2010 Leadership Academy classes. The application form is posted on the NALC’s website at nalc.org. In order for candidates to be eligible for 2010 training, forms must be post-marked by September 30. **Please note:** Previous applicants must reapply and include updated information, along with renewed commitments from their mentors. ✉

Correction: The Region 2 participants for the fall 2009 Academy session were listed in the June Postal Record as Ricky Horton and Betty Nash. The participants for Region 2 will be Ricky Horton and Brenda Nickels of Twin Falls, Idaho Branch 1392.



Above: NALC President Bill Young tells the graduating class, “You are my legacy.”

Below: Mary Smith receives her completion certificate.

Graduating Class—Spring 2009

Region 11

Mary T. Campbell-Stack
Branch 40
Cleveland, OH

Todd Hornyak
Branch 78
Columbus, OH

Region 12

Michael J. Calise Jr.
Branch 903
Cape Atlantic, NJ

Richard P. McDonough
Branch 258
Reading, PA

Region 13

Richard B. Crase
Branch 5921
Woodbridge, VA

Keith Hooks
Branch 142
Washington, DC

Region 14

Harry Cahill
Branch 44
New Hampshire Merged

Ronald E. Pritchard
Branch 72
Concord, NH

Region 15

James Jongbloed
Branch 6000
Long Island Merged, NY

John M. Polak
Branch 562
Jamaica, NY

