



2026

Event & Program Partnership Opportunities

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Why partner with us in 2026



We envision a Rhode Island that is flourishing — economically, civically, culturally — built on a foundation of ever-improving human capital whose strengths and potential we spend each day revealing and igniting. And we see the lessons of this lively leadership experiment being shared and amplified around the country and the world to nurture the kind of fully-engaged societies that create lasting, positive change.

As a sponsor, you'll benefit from:

High-Value Relationships

Network with Rhode Island's most influential business, civic, and nonprofit leaders.

Premium Visibility

Connect with thousands through LRI's high-trust brand and platforms.

Employee Engagement

Strengthen morale through support of a cause your team knows and believes in.

Strategic Alignment

Signal your investment in a stronger workforce, economy, and civic fabric.

Join us in 2026, as we engage and connect people through shared experiences that positively transform individuals, organizations and communities.

Michelle Carr (LRI '14)
Executive Director

Our Reach

Social Media Community: 20.6K+ followers | Alumni Network: 3,200+

2.5K+ | 9.1K+ | 9K+ | 2.5K+ subscribers | 400 monthly visits

Meet Our Board of Governors



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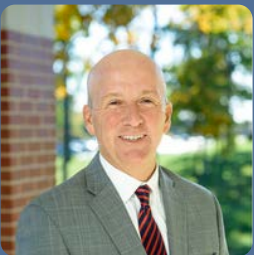
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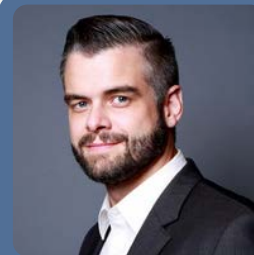
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**Jennie
Hetzel Silbert**

Spartina Consulting



2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

THE INSPIRING LEADERS AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 12, 2026 | Providence Marriott Downtown | Attendance: ~375

LRI's annual luncheon unites leaders to honor individuals who make a meaningful impact in their organizations and communities. This inspiring event fosters recognition, connection, and insight, making it a highlight of the year.

THE LRI GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, August 3, 2026 | Wannamoisett Country Club | Attendance: ~120

The LRI Golf Classic brings alumni and supporters together for a fun day of golf and connection at a top championship course, blending friendly competition with opportunities to strengthen relationships and support leadership access in Rhode Island.

2026 COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | TBD, RI | Attendance: ~200

Commencement is a heartfelt celebration that recognizes the graduating LRI class and welcomes them into the broader alumni community. This event brings together partners and supporters for an inspiring evening that highlights hope, growth, and the leaders shaping our state.

Unique Shared Experiences with Rhode Island's Leaders.

Our mission is to create shared experiences, and we have honed our craft over decades.

We intentionally design event experiences that are purpose-driven and human-centered, and people come back because LRI events are known to be engaging, relevant, and find the fun!

*Sponsorship connects you with multigenerational, cross-sector decision-makers and strengthens your relationships across Rhode Island. Our attendees include Rhode Island's most engaged, connected, and impact-driven leaders – ranging from C-suite executives, emerging leaders, public officials, nonprofit executives, educators, entrepreneurs, and community influencers – **your potential customers, future employers, and strategic partners.***



EVENTS SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Inspiring Leaders Awards Luncheon

Catalyst Level \$5,000

10 tickets
VIP table
Logo on materials/event-space
Social media promotions
Verbal recognition
Website listing (1 yr)

Steward Level \$3,500

8 tickets
Logo on materials/event-space
Verbal recognition
Website listing (1 yr)

Visionary Level \$2,500

6 tickets
Event-space logo
Verbal recognition
Website listing (1 yr)

Champion Level \$1,500

4 tickets
Website listing (1 yr)

Deadline: 02/20/26

LRI Golf Classic

Ace Level \$7,500

2 foursomes (8 players)
VIP reception seating
Event host recognition
Logo on 2 holes signage
Event signage + materials
Website listing (1 yr)

Eagle Level \$5,000

1 foursome (4 players)
Reception seating
Logo on 1 hole signage
Event signage + materials
Website listing (1 yr)

Birdie Level \$3,000

1 foursome (4 players)
Reception seating
Event signage + materials
Website listing (1 yr)

19th Hole \$1,750

2 players
Reception seating
Event signage + materials
Website listing (1 yr)

Hole Sponsor \$500

2 reception tickets
Logo on hole sign

Deadline: 07/17/26

Commencement Celebration

Chi II VIP \$2,000

8 tickets
VIP recognition
Logo on materials
Social media
Website listing (1 yr)

Snapshot \$1,000

6 tickets
Verbal recognition
Logo on materials
Social media
Website listing (1 yr)

Supporter \$500

3 tickets
Logo on materials
Website listing (1 yr)

Deadline: 09/01/26

2026 PROGRAMS CALENDAR



PROPEL

The Propel program levels up early professionals with demonstrated leadership potential within the workplace & connects them with ways to engage in the community.

February – April | 20–30 class members



SENIOR FELLOWS

The Senior Fellows Program exposes older adults (62+) who are ready to serve in new ways to issues & opportunities facing the older adult population in RI, while connecting them to local volunteer opportunities.

April – June | 20 – 25 class members



PATHWAYS

The Pathways program empowers young individuals in search of their professional path to explore & build personalized career pathways.

August – October | 15–20 participants annually

LRI programs develop leaders at every stage — from emerging talent to experienced managers and senior executives. Our programs support HR and talent development goals, strengthen team performance for business unit leaders, and give organizational leaders a meaningful way to invest in a resilient, collaborative, and growth-oriented culture.



PROGRAMS SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

PROPEL

Gold Level (x1) \$25,000

Top Placement on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
Reception Invitation
+Host a Program Enhancement

Silver Level \$12,500

Logo on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
+Alumni Reception Invitation

Bronze Level \$5,000

Logo on Program Website
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Post

Deadline: 01/15/2025

SENIOR FELLOWS

Gold Level (x2) \$20,000

Top Placement on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
Closing Celebration Invitation
+Host a Service Project

Silver Level \$10,000

Logo on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
+Closing Celebration Invitation

Bronze Level \$4,000

Logo on Program Website
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Post

Deadline: 04/06/2025

PATHWAYS

Gold Level (x1) \$30,000

Top Placement on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
Closing Celebration Invitation
+Host a Program Experience

Silver Level \$15,000

Logo on Program Webpage
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Posts
+Closing Celebration Invitation

Bronze Level \$7,500

Logo on Program Website
Logo on Program Agendas
Social Media Post

Deadline: 07/20/25

LRI Civic Activation Network (LRI CAN)

For more than four decades, Leadership Rhode Island has connected people, ideas, and institutions to strengthen civic life.

Since 1981, more than **3,200** leaders have stepped forward—bridging differences, solving problems, and shaping the future of our state.

Intergenerational

Over 3,200+ Alumni since 1981

Silent Generation to Gen Z

Age Range 18–91

Experienced & Educated

88% Hold Post Secondary Degrees

54% Hold Advanced Degrees

13% Multilingual

Cross Sector/Cross Industry

40% Private, 25% Nonprofit, 20% Public Sector

10% Retired/Semi-Retired, 5% Students

Representing 20+ unique industries

Avg. 4 direct reports, ~36 employee oversight

Engaged & Invested

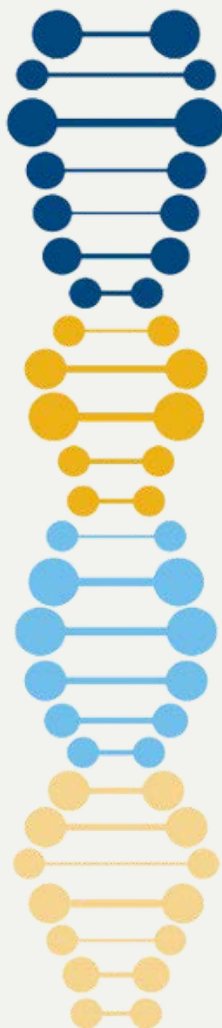
76% Have served on a Board or Commission

81% Have served as Coaches/Mentors

73% Homeowners

Passionately Seeking:

- Social Connection
- Societal Innovation
- Civic Engagement
- Personal/Professional Growth



Today, our society faces rising polarization, declining trust, and a growing epidemic of social disconnection and loneliness. At the same time, **we see extraordinary strengths and assets** in our alumni, partners, and communities, as well as the potential for LRI to serve with meaningful impact.

The **Leadership Rhode Island Civic Activation Network (LRI CAN)** will activate the relational, intergenerational, and cross-sector ecosystem that LRI has stewarded for over four decades toward a flourishing Rhode Island.

LRI CAN will intentionally:

- engage individuals with purpose
- connect people with partners
- steward collaboration on initiatives that improve our civic fabric, community well-being, and economic health.



LRI Civic Activation Network (LRI CAN)

LRI CAN mobilizes leaders across Rhode Island to take meaningful action on shared community priorities. Through convenings, learning sessions, and project-based activation, LRI CAN connects LRI alumni and partners across sectors to learn together, collaborate, and implement solutions that strengthen our state. LRI CAN offers a pathway for leaders to move beyond conversation and into action — applying their skills, networks, and lived experience to advance positive change in communities statewide. LRI CAN is not just a program—it is a platform for collective action and shared leadership across the state.

LRI CAN ACTIVATE \$35,000 (X1)

Premier recognition across all LRI CAN communications, events, and webpage

Board Matchmaking
Host Sponsor

Bread & Salt Sponsor
monthly dinners
(8–12 guests)

Opportunity to sponsor one
LRI CAN workshop,
convening or enhancement

Logo included in monthly
LRI in Focus e-newsletter
(3,000+ alumni)

Employee Engagement or
Leadership Speaking
opportunities

Sponsor listing on LRI
website (1 year)

LRI CAN CONNECT \$15,000

Logo on LRI CAN webpage

Bread & Salt Sponsor monthly
dinners
(8–12 guests)

Opportunity to sponsor one LRI
CAN workshop, convening or
enhancement

Employee Engagement or
Leadership Speaking
opportunities

Sponsor listing on LRI website
(1 year)

LRI CAN ENGAGE \$5,000

Name recognition on
LRI CAN webpage

Opportunity to sponsor one
LRI CAN workshop, convening
or enhancement

Sponsor listing on LRI
website (1 year)

Opportunities available year-round, tailored to your goals.

Ideal for partners that want to:

- Drive local engagement and leadership
- Invest in community-centered initiatives
- Engage employees in community impact
- Strengthen Rhode Island's civic, cultural and economic health

MAKE RHODE ISLAND STRONGER

Training & Consulting

For those who want to invest in our state's potential, Make Rhode Island Stronger presents a powerful opportunity to empower Rhode Islanders to discover their talents, create high-performing teams, and elevate human capital – developing people, building culture, and retaining talent.

Since launching in 2014, Make Rhode Island Stronger helped move the statewide needle on employee engagement from bottom to top in three years – resulting in approximately \$112M returning to RI employers. We are committed to bringing strengths-based development to diverse audiences, including unemployed adults reentering the workforce; high school students preparing for internships in the Prepare RI program; and nonprofit boards, staff, and program participants.

Your support can bring access to CliftonStrengths to more individuals, groups, and communities statewide.

STRENGTHS CONVENERS \$10,000 (x3)

Support a statewide CliftonStrengths celebration

Featured speaking role at statewide CliftonStrengths celebration

Premier logo placement on website and event materials

Social media posts

Unlock a Full 34 CliftonStrengths Report and receive a 1:1 coaching session with a LRI Strengths Coach (x1) – for you or someone else

POWERFUL PARTNERS \$5,000 (x5)

Support the Make RI Stronger fund to bring CliftonStrengths experiences to schools and nonprofits across Rhode Island.

Logo on website

Social media posts

Unlock the Full 34 CliftonStrengths Report (x1) – for you or someone else

STRENGTHS SPOTTERS \$500 – \$2,500

Logo on website

Social media post

Unlock the Top 5 CliftonStrengths Report (x1) – for you or someone else



Partnership Commitment Form

Partner Information

Company/Organization Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Contact Person

Phone Number

Email Address

We will support LRI at the partnership and level indicated below:

Events

LUNCHEON

- ☐ Catalyst \$5,000
- ☐ Steward \$3,500
- ☐ Visionary \$2,500
- ☐ Champion \$1,500

GOLF CLASSIC

- ☐ Ace \$7,500
- ☐ Eagle \$5,000
- ☐ Birdie \$3,000
- ☐ 19th Hole \$1,750
- ☐ Hole \$500

COMMENCEMENT

- ☐ Chi II VIP \$2,000
- ☐ Snapshot \$1,000
- ☐ Supporter \$500

Programs

PROPEL

- ☐ Golden \$25,000
- ☐ Silver \$12,500
- ☐ Bronze \$5,000

SENIOR FELLOWS

- ☐ Golden \$20,000
- ☐ Silver \$10,000
- ☐ Bronze \$4,000

PATHWAYS

- ☐ Golden \$30,000
- ☐ Silver \$15,000
- ☐ Bronze \$7,500

LRI CAN

- ☐ **LRI CAN
ACTIVATE**
\$35,000
- ☐ **LRI CAN
CONNECT**
\$15,000
- ☐ **LRI CAN
ENGAGE**
\$5,000

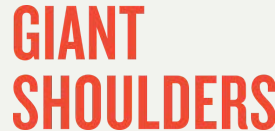
Make RI Stronger

- ☐ **STRENGTHS
CONVENERS**
\$10,000
- ☐ **POWERFUL
PARTNER**
\$5,000
- ☐ **STRENGTHS
SPOTTER**
\$500 - \$2,500

TOTAL \$

☐ Please send me an invoice.

Thank You To Our 2025 Sponsors!





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Thank you!

Partnership commitments and inquiries

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