

## Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Leadership Symposium

On behalf of The School of Leadership Studies, and the Community of Leaders-Payne Center for Leadership, welcome to the sixth Annual Gonzaga Student Leadership Symposium. The theme this year is *Leadership in Challenging Landscapes*, which was chosen to recognize the exigent environment that we often find ourselves in as leadership scholars and practitioners. The Student Leadership Symposium is a forum to recognize Gonzaga's student's comprehensive work, including research, conceptual pieces, panel discussions, posters, and case studies. New this year to the symposium is interactive workshops, where students will have the opportunity to participate in engaging leadership activities.

Current students, alumni and colleagues from across campus including the Community of Leaders, Comprehensive Leadership Program, Organizational Leadership and Communication and Leadership Studies Programs, and students and candidates from the Doctoral Program in Leadership Studies are all a part of the celebrated work that presented this year.

In addition to the extensive leadership topics offered, we are excited to have Kali Thorne Ladd as our Saturday keynote. Kali is the co-founder and executive director of KairosPDX a non-profit dedicated to eliminating disparities and opportunities for historically under-served children in Portland, Oregon.

This event would not be possible without your contribution as students and colleagues. Your on-going participation helps create a dynamic experience highlighting Gonzaga Leadership Students' amazing work, and a wealth of opportunities to learn and grow from each other.

In addition, the symposium would not be possible without the efforts of a number of students, staff and faculty who have spent the past five months working diligently to provide a great experience. Thus, deep appreciation and gratitude for the work of the symposium steering committee members, as well as all of the folks that makes this event possible.

Finally, this symposium would not be possible without the amazing support from across campus:

- The School of Leadership Studies,
- The Payne Center for Leadership Development,
- The Community of Leaders, and
- The Office of the Vice President for Student Development

Welcome to the symposium, and we hope you have a wonderful experience!

*The Symposium Steering Committee*