

Jane's Fellowship Program - Class 3 Fellows



Eva 'Eve' Bowen

Eve recently retired from thirty-five years of teaching and is continuing her involvement with education through non-profit work. She wants to continue her involvement in the Tacoma School District by attending meetings to give input and then provide notes to the community. Through board service at Courage and Renewal, she helps educators and other service workers achieve balance and goals through retreats and workshops. Her involvement in a local group called 'The Conversation' has grown to provide a forum for youth to discuss civil rights, racism, and other social justice issues in a venue called 'SoJust'. Eve was raised in a rural community in Ohio and currently lives with her husband in Tacoma. She is very proud of her two grown

daughters.



Holly Bukes

Holly's passion for animal welfare started over fifteen years ago and she has continued to nurture that passion since moving to Gig Harbor five years ago. Since her arrival, she has worked with local organizations to bring the first nonprofit, low cost spay and neuter clinic to Pierce County – Coalition: HUMANe. She lists this as one of her greatest accomplishments. Her ultimate goal in life is to leave this world a better place and encourage others to do the same. Holly serves on the board of the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County, and is also a member of Gig Harbor Mid-Day Rotary. Through the fellowship she is looking forward to learning more about leadership

and the diversity of the community. She feels fortunate that she can volunteer her services full time to the community.



Ben Cochran

Over ten years ago Ben moved from Portland to Pierce County to attend classes and play football at PLU. He was the first special education student from his high school to attend college and he graduated from PLU with a degree in physical education. His passion to work with youth led him to move from a teaching/coach position to working with the College Bound program at Lincoln High School. To connect more with his students and the youth he works with, his family (wife and three children) moved to the Eastside area of Tacoma. He is

looking forward to learning more to expand his vision and get guidance from peers.



Kathryn 'Kate' Frazier

Kate describes herself as a problem seeker and a problem solver and she has a passion for Tacoma. She grew up in Tacoma, married her middle school sweetheart, and lives within minutes of her immediate family. Her work as a teacher in Tacoma public schools made her aware of a desire to help children outside of the classroom. This awareness led her to the role of counselor which has grown into a position as a

community and school liaison with a new program in the Tacoma School district. She seeks to improve the quality of life for all children (her son and daughter included) and is working toward that by working with families, teachers, and students in her community.



Edith 'Eddie' Morgan

Edie lives on the Key Peninsula with her husband and has been serving Pierce County through her career and volunteer efforts for over twenty-five years. With a degree in social work, Edie began working with the elder community of Tacoma through service at two local retirement homes. After working in Tacoma, she had an opportunity to work on the Key Peninsula with children, youth and families through Children's Home Society. She has now channeled her passions for the elder population and the community of Key Peninsula together

by starting an organization call The Mustard Seed Project. The Mustard Seed Project was started as a way to provide valuable information and assistance to elders in Key Peninsula so they can 'age in place'. She has a vision of an 'elder-friendly' community that has affordable and available services and she is looking for guidance and support as her work continues to grow.



Felita Poole

Felita was adopted by her Great Aunt and Uncle and raised in Louisiana by her relatives and the community – a self-described adoption success story. After attending Louisiana Tech where she received her bachelors in education and her master's degree in counseling, she worked as an educator and a school counselor for eighteen years. In 2001 as a single mother of three, she moved to Washington to pursue a teaching job in Renton. She currently lives in Graham with her husband (a retired police officer) and works in Lakewood as

the Executive Director of Inspiration for Greatness Foundation for Children and Families (IFG). She and her husband founded IFG in 2006 to provide intensive parenting services to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect. IFG began providing weekly parenting classes in Pierce and Kitsap County in 2007. Her vision is to help build strong, healthy families and encourage their involvement in community. Her belief is that "Strong Families for Strong Communities and Strong Communities form a Stronger State and Nation."



William 'Rick' Ross

Rick lives in Tacoma with his wife and six children. He works on a variety of projects with the common-thread of applying his creativity and skills in digital media. He contributes his talents to the Message Magazine, a community paper dedicated to inspiring, educating and promoting growth in Pierce County. He also assists with "Urban Streets", a TV show highlighting local and national hip-hop artists. He describes himself as an all around team-player and a motivated supporter. He enjoys learning and likes to solve problems.



Annika 'Asma' Simmons

Asma came to the U.S. at age eight when she was adopted by a couple in Michigan. Prior to this she lived in various parts of Europe with her biological parents and then in Greece with nuns before being adopted. She has a degree in social work and worked at YWCA in Seattle as the only Muslim case worker. Her caseload became heavy as Muslim women in need were referred to her by word of mouth. In June 2007 she founded Sisters of Sunnah Islamic Services for Muslim women escaping situations of domestic violence. She provides a transitional home for Muslim

women and their children in confidential locations in Pierce County. She is passionate about advocating for other Muslim women with the hope for generational change.



Eddie Sumlin

Eddie is a recent college graduate with a degree in Social Psychology from The Evergreen State College. He currently serves as the Executive Director of Fab-5 (previously directed by former JFP Class 1 fellow, Jason Hulen). Fab-5 provides youth in Tacoma and Pierce County with safe, drug and alcohol free events and education programs. He is a self-described optimist who is motivated by community work and especially his work with youth and creative arts through Fab-5's after-school program "L.I.F.E.". He's inspired to work on the grassroots level as a means to respond to direct needs within the community. Eddie wants to expand his knowledge and his networks and seeks other organizations and individuals that he can

collaborate with, living by the philosophy "None of us are as strong as all of us".



Alaimalo 'Ala' Talo

As a young adult, Ala moved from Samoa to the U.S. to attend college in California and she chose to stay in the U.S. and eventually moved to Washington. She has four children and is very passionate about family and community. While working at Helen B. Stafford Elementary, she found a way to incorporate her personal passion into her work life as a site coordinator for the Communities in Schools Program. One of the accomplishments of which she is most proud is the Samoan dance group at Stafford Elementary. Through this dance program she connects with the young women and helps them build good self-esteem. She believes her legacy in this world is helping others by making an impact in the lives of individuals and leaving her "footprint in their heart". This work moved beyond Stafford when she

began teaching classes for Metro Parks in the fall of 2008.