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2024

# Western Legislative Academy

December 10-13, 2024

COLORADO SPRINGS

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## WLA Class Presidents

2023

Wyoming Representative Karlee Provenza

2022

Utah Representative Andrew Stoddard

2021

Wyoming Representative Mike Yin

2019

New Mexico Representative Andrea Romero

2018

Hawai'i Senator Kaiali'i Kahele

2017

Nevada Assemblywoman Daniele Monroe-Moreno

2016

Wyoming Representative Tyler Lindholm

2015

Alaska Representative Geran Tarr

2014

Idaho Representative Kelley Packer

2013

Arizona Senator Kelli Ward

2012

Wyoming Senator Ogden Driskill

2011

Nevada Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez-Thompson

2010

Wyoming Senator Drew Perkins

2009

New Mexico Senator John Sapien

2008

Arizona Senator Steve Farley

2007

New Mexico Representative Thomas Garcia

2006

Idaho Representative Rich Wills

2005

Nevada Assemblywoman Heidi Gansert

2004

New Mexico Representative Jose Campos

2003

Nevada Senator Kelvin Atkinson

2002

Montana Senator Jim Keane

2001

Alaska Senator Lesil McGuire

2000

Nevada Senator Barbara Cegavske

*(Members listed with titles at their time of participation)*





# What is the Western Legislative Academy?

The West's premier training event for lawmakers in their first 4 years of cumulative service.

Three and a half-days of intensive skill building for state legislators from Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

## What are the goals?

- Help legislators become more effective leaders
- Build strong state legislative institutions
- Foster collaborative networks between states

## What will I learn?

- Strategies for influencing + collaboration
- Effective negotiation and conflict management
- Impacts of communication styles on the process of lawmaking
- Navigating the transition from campaign to governance

## What is the value?

- The WLA equips legislators with tangible tools to bring back to their chambers and fosters a support network of dedicated public servants to lean on during your career.
- The Academy provides an environment for intentional reflection to grow as legislative leaders in an era of increasing demands on lawmakers' time.
- Since 2000, we have graduated 831 alumni who have returned to their state legislatures ready to make a difference.

## Who are the faculty?

National experts in state legislatures, communications, governance, ethics, and negotiations.



## Who governs the Western Legislative Academy?

The CSG West officers and Executive Committee serve as the board of directors for the WLA

## Where is the Western Legislative Academy held?

- Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Classes are held at the Broadmoor Hotel's Cheyenne Lodge
- Participants are housed at the Broadmoor Hotel
- Academy includes a tour of the historic Penrose House

## How is the Academy funded?

- With support from state dues, foundation funding, and the private sector, CSG West provides training, complimentary meals and participant lodging
- Participants pay for their own travel to and from Colorado Springs

# WLA

DECEMBER 10-13, 2024  
Colorado Springs, CO

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 1

### Selection criteria includes:

- Dedication to public service
- Desire to improve your personal effectiveness as a legislator
- Commitment to the institution of the legislature
- Interest in improving the legislative process

### Reminders about the Western Legislative Academy:

Because of the nature of the program and the importance of interaction among legislators, **participants must commit to attend the program in its entirety**. The WLA is a classroom experience, not a conference.

- Please keep a copy of your completed application for your files.
- You will be notified that your application has been received and if any information is missing.
- CSG West's bipartisan leadership will select WLA participants. Applicants will be notified in August regarding their status.
- Class size is 52, with at least two and no more than five per Western state.
- Selection is limited to legislators in their first 4 years of cumulative legislative service.
- Attendance at all WLA events is limited to Academy participants, CSG West staff, presenters and sponsors. There are no events for spouses, guests or children.

## APPLY TODAY!

Apply online at [www.csgwest.org](http://www.csgwest.org)

Email Letters of Recommendation to:  
[wla@csg.org](mailto:wla@csg.org)

For questions about the WLA, please contact  
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