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What's New for 2002!

2002 plans are well under way and applications are already pouring in from around the country.

After an incredible first year at the University of Texas, NTLP is excited to return to Austin, June 21 - 23. Our Washington home in Tacoma, at beautiful Pacific Lutheran University also remains the same with dates scheduled for July 12 - 14. Northern California is next, July 26 - 28 with a new site at Notre Dame de Namur in Belmont, CA. Notre Dame is conveniently located off the 101 frwy., just 20 minutes south of the San Francisco Airport, between San Jose and San Francisco. Finally, we'll close our season in Southern California at Chapman College in Orange, which is very close to Buena Park (the home of Knott's Berry Farm). Southern California dates are Aug. 9-11, 2002.

NTLP will feature some of our best loved speakers (i.e. Joshua "Don't Be Average" Shipp and Scott Greenberg) as well as some new, inspiring motivators, yet to be named. (Speakers will be posted on our web site as soon as they are confirmed).

If you graduated from high school June '01, you are now eligible to join the ranks of our elite staff. Watch for "Do you want to staff?" postcards, which are generally mailed in February.

In the meantime, join the Alumni Association and get your personal profile up on our web site, visit the message board, email your groups, stay in touch and keep the spirit of NTLP alive until we see you again!

Visit www.teenleader.org for University links, Alumni profiles, message board and everything else NTLP!

NTLP SUMMER RECAP 2001...

NTLP had an unprecedented summer, hosting over 750 teens in four programs. Student participation was up 10% (nearly 100 students) from last year. Contributing to our record numbers was our first-annual camp in Austin, Texas with nearly 200 attending. Other programs included Washington, at Pacific Lutheran Univ. (100 students), Scripps College in So. California (200 students) and a record-breaking camp at St. Mary's in No. California with 252 attending.



Interview - Washington



St. Mary's - Ambassador Finalists



Scripps - Edgar's group



Texas - JR's group

Better still, was the response from our attendees. Participant Polls reflected 100% positive remarks on the overall program. 19 yr old speaker, "Don't be Average" Joshua Shipp scored the highest response ever received in 10 years with a 93% "Excellent" rating at our Washington program. Workshops had their usual varied responses, with the exception of the Diversity Workshop, which scored the most "Excellent" marks and had the greatest impact of any other.

More than 70 Alumni staff paid their way for the privilege to return to inspire this year's generation, again scoring "Excellent" marks from their peers. With only one day of training, Staff facilitate all group discussions and workshops, oversee all activities and perform the role of counselor and friend with expertise and diplomatic aplomb. They are truly the reason our alumni return year after year and take away so much from the program.

We are blessed to have such wonderful sponsors, specifically; The California National Guard, AAA, The Boeing Company, Farmers Insurance and In-N-Out Burger to name a few, plus out of state sponsors, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Agency and the Texas National Guard. Thank you so much for your much valued support!

What's Josh up to?

by JR Fujita

Josh Shipp has been travelling the nation like a wild man, promoting "If you don't go to NTLP, well, Bless Your Heart!" Josh has been to places like Iowa, California, Washington, North Carolina, Texas, Wyoming, Florida, and Chicago. In April 2002, Josh will be a main stage speaker for one of the largest youth conferences in the WORLD, The Pride WORLD Drug Free Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Josh also has a new book, "The making of an unshakable character". In January he will be flying to Chicago to film a video series on the book with one of the producers of the OPRAH show. He says that since NTLP he has been trying to get taller through excessive stretching and spiking his hair at a greater height. You can contact Josh at his website: www.JoshShipp.com



21Yr old, Motivational Speaker, Josh Shipp (right), blended right in with our staff, JR Fujita and Scott Evans.

Where Are they Now?

Matt Trinca, '95, '96 & '97(CA). Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola Marymount, winning the Ignatian Award - the highest award for a male student at the university. Other honors included: Student-Athlete with the Highest GPA (3.89), Doolan Top Engineer Award & Top Electrical Engineer Award. Currently Matt is working for Boeing Satellite Systems helping to design the payload for a commercial satellite and training to run the LA Marathon in March. Future plans include joining the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and serving a year somewhere in the US.

Issac Greenberg '99, '00 (AZ) Accepted to West Point in September 2001.

Franklin Leone '99, '00, '01 (CA) Attending DeVry Institute of Technology, majoring in Computer Engineering & Technology.

Anna Intharathut '95 (CA) Graduate Mt. Saint Mary's and completed MBA in Global Information Technology and International Communications from American University, Kogod School of Business. Currently working for NOVA teaching English in Japan and rooming with fellow alumni, Edgar Chen (who is doing the same thing).

Robert Pipkin '93, '94 (CA) Graduate of UC Berkeley, recent MBA from Cambridge University in England. Currently back home in Dinuba, working on a campaign for a local politician.

Carrick Sears '93, '94 (CA) Graduate St. Marys College. Carrick was recently nominated for the William A. Dunlap Fellowship Award through the Kiwanis Foundation for his work as Co-Manager of the Redwood City Farmer's Market. A portion of the income from sales go to area schools to provide clothing and school supplies for low



Alumni Association Profile

Scott Higa, by JR Fujita

One of the many hard working NTLF volunteers is 1998 Alumni (Sacramento Bears) Scott Higa originally from San Jose. Scott helps NTLF during the year with new ideas to make NTLF even better and helps with fundraising efforts. He is currently a senior at UC Santa Barbara, majoring in Computer Science and has recently decided to take a new path in life focusing on education.

He says, "Being a staff member at NTLF was really my first step towards considering teaching. I never knew how much I really wanted to do it until recently."

Scott's biggest reflection of NTLF is "NTLF has given me the motivation I needed to change my life for the better. I am not sure I would...have the wonderful friends I have today if it weren't for me coming to camp." This is why Scott continues to staff each summer since 1999. He also shares, "I learned that I didn't have to always be the quiet one, because there were people who actually wanted to listen to me." He definitely empowers so many of us to be inspired to reach out to others.

Aside from his studies and NTLF, Scott keeps himself really busy by working with K-6 children at the Goleta Boys and Girls Club, where he helps teach children through computer learning software. He has also worked for IBM the past two summers in Austin, Texas and San Jose, California developing e-commerce and database programs.

If you haven't met Scott Higa, you'll have another chance in summer 2002 when he plans to staff NTLF again. You'll want to meet this great Alum because he's cool to talk to...about anything and everything!

income children. When not volunteering for Kiwanis or the Redwood City Market, Carrick works as a financial analyst for DHL Worldwide express and also serves on the Board of Directors for NTLF.

Stephanie Flores '00 & '01 (AZ, CA) is now attending Arizona State. She recently attended several Leadership seminars (where she was the

youngest in attendance) and was recognized for her leadership ability.

What's going on with you? NTLF wants to know! Email or write to [Where are they now?](#) before May 15 to be included in the next newsletter publication!

285 Students & Staff Descend on St. Mary's College for NTLF 2001!

Submitted by Jennifer Louie

Nestled in the San Francisco Bay Area, St. Mary's College in Moraga, California has been home to the Northern California camp for the past three years. So it should be no surprise that the largest number of participants for summer 2001 were in attendance at the Northern California camp. Many alumni of past camps returned this year for another dose of NTLF spirit, which tells you how much students enjoy the NTLF experience. These enthusiastic alumni stated that NTLF 2001 was the best ever. And it surely was! Perhaps it was the welcoming hamburger lunch sponsored by In-N-Out or maybe it was the new workshops or conceivably, credit should be given to the guest speakers for their ever-so powerful messages. "Don't be average!" But whatever the reason, the Northern California camp proved to be extremely successful. Those who attended will remember the impact that Mike had on everyone, the surprise visit by N'sync and the ever popular Saturday night dance. A magical magician even enchanted us during the Talent Show.

With all these fond memories, along came newly developed leadership skills and motivation to reach for one's dreams. Many participants left the camp realizing more than ever that they could help improve their schools and communities. Others left with a boost of self-confidence while others took home scholarships awarded for their outstanding achievements. Most importantly, participants left with a sense of self-worth, knowing that they are leaders in their own right.

Northern California is where it all started back in 1992. Ten summers later, we thank you for helping us close the summer with a bang and for helping us celebrate the beginning of our 10th year anniversary. Go NTLF!!!



In-N-Out provided lunch for over 280 hungry St. Mary's attendees - in less than 1/2 hour!

Alumni Association welcomes new members!

While Alumni Assoc. President Edgar Chen is off on a sabbatical, teaching English in Japan, JR Fujita has stepped up to the plate and is doing a superb job running the Alumni Association.

NTLP would like to welcome new and returning association members that have signed on since summer, 2001.

The are: Nga Lai, Juan Lepe, Scott Higa, Angelina Labarre, Cara Sloman, Timothy Sneed, Jenn Zehenni, Christina Juarez, Celine Yeager, Scott Funari, Brianne Smith, Victor Cordez, Patrick Lahey, Lynette Hibben, Natasha Hicks, Brittney Farrell, Becky Ho, Rachelle Musci, Alicia Rachelle Holland, Courtney Flynn, Maria Bayog, Candace Cooper, Franchell Gordon, Krashawn Pugh, Daniel Raaf,

Holiday Get-Together

Many thanks to JR Fujita for organizing the 2nd annual holiday get together at the Pier in San Francisco. Attending were: Maria Bayog, Leian Cimarra, JR Fujita, Scott Higa, Jalin Hsu, Chris Kren, Vanessa Litchenberger, Jen Louie, Jenny Ong, Tabitha Stout, Joan Dusich, Carrick Sears

Alumni Sitings!

At UC Berkeley - While applying for a position on staff of the UC Regents, **Jennifer Redondo** (99) was interviewed by the current Student Regent-Designate for the California Board of Regents, Alumni **Dexter Ligot-Gordon** (96-98)

At a Tupperware party in Elk Grove, **Celexsy Stout Adame** (92-93) came across alumni **Chanel Schrier** (94-95)

Look for the Lesson in your Challenges

by Scott Greenberg

In his book "Man's Search for Meaning," Victor Frankl recounts his experience as a Jewish psychiatrist imprisoned in several Nazi concentration camps during World War 2. He observed amidst the starvation, torture and death around him, that his fellow prisoners who had a genuine desire to survive and projects in life they wanted to finish had greater survival rates than those who gave up all hope. So while in the camps, he developed a new psychotherapy technique called "logotherapy." The therapy is based on the idea that the search for meaning and purpose in our experiences, even in the gravest situations, can better enable us to endure. Frankl once said "Man is ready and willing to shoulder any suffering as soon as and as long as he can see the meaning in it." I think this is why athletes willingly put their bodies through incredible stress. They see their suffering as a necessary ingredient for victory. When we know there's a purpose, our pain becomes less painful. Your problems might be opportunities in disguise. We've all had things happen to us we thought were bad, only to feel lucky later on. If you can find meaning and look for the lesson in your challenges, you just may find some wisdom or advantage you'll celebrate later.

Scott Greenberg, is one of NTLP's favorite motivational speakers. Look for Scott to appear at NTLP 2002!

Torchbearer in the Family



On January 19, 2002, Laura Hellenthal Wilke, NTLP President, carried the Olympic Torch for the 2002 Winter Olympics in honor of her work for the National Teen Leadership Program. Laura was selected along with 11,500 others in a nationwide selection process that reviewed over 215,000 entrees. The nominating letter was written by 1993 alumni, Noah Smith of Lassen County, a three year alumni and Over-All High Achiever Winner in 1993 and 1994.

The theme of this year's Olympics is "Light the Fire Within" and torchbearers were selected based on their "contribution to community, overcoming adversity and embodiment of the Olympic Spirit." NTLP's torch has been burning bright for 10 years and it is fitting that NTLP be represented on behalf of all the alumni that have inspired, motivated and contributed to their peers and their community.



Alumni Scott Higa, Carrick Sears and Tabitha Stout, were among the many NTLP well-wishers that came to cheer Laura on her Torchbearer run.

Please support the National Teen Leadership Program! Your donation supports our growth, expansion and year-round efforts to inspire thousands of deserving teens to develop their leadership skills and contribute to their communities. Send this form to: 738 Commons Dr., Sacramento CA 95825!

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Alumni HS Graduates! Want to staff NTLP 2002? Return this form with name and current address for a staff application!



William Young and Sophia Coria, Alumni Staff

Dear NTLP Staff,

I showed up about 9 hrs late for work today; a little exhausted from the St. Mary's weekend, but no worries. I just gave my boss a 20 minute speech on how wonderful NTLP is and how important it is for youth today. I told him that his daughter has to come when she goes to high school. She is only six weeks old, but I know that NTLP will still be here because YOU awesome people are going to make it happen.

NTLP is not just a fun place to be or a place to learn leadership skills. It is a necessary part of learning, which is not found in any school and can't be replicated in an academic environment.

We are told who we are from the day we're born. People constantly observe us and speculate about what we are good at, our likes and dislikes, etc. Though none of this is inherently bad, we are restricted by the things people say. Barriers are stacked around us, and these barriers are there as long as we are in a place where negative expectations run high. For many, these barriers are almost impossible to climb.

For one weekend, we manage to help young people overcome those barriers that tower above them in their home and school environments. During that time, a door is opened to new experiences and entirely new ways of thinking. NTLP is such a life changing experience because we are giving students a real chance to make that change, and we are doing it in an incredibly supportive environment. Although some may be too scared to show it, there are millions of young people out there who desperately need that chance. We, NTLP, need to be there to give them that chance and to push them in the right direction.

If we can get just one student per camp to step beyond their barriers and to come out believing they are a leader, it is all worth it. I am so happy about what we have done so far. We can do it because NTLP has helped us become leaders. I know some of us, especially me, would not think of ourselves as leaders unless we came to this camp. I do not want what Laura started to ever end. I want to know that OUR children will be able to attend NTLP and come back with a new understanding of leadership, life, and themselves.

I love all of you. All of you had a part of your life changed by NTLP, or you would not continue to return to staff. I believe in you and your abilities as a leader. I promise you are making a difference in someone's life. Don't ever stop believing that.

During this last weekend, one of my former group members came up to me and told me how wonderful it was to be at NTLP. As tears ran down her cheeks, she said that it was a dream of hers to become an NTLP staff. Guys, we are living that dream. Be proud.

Love, Scott Higa (Alumni 98)

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Monet Chandler & Alonzo Guzman, Texas, 2001

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