

VALLEY LEADERSHIP CONTINUES PIVOT TOWARD IMPACT
WITH HEAD OF LEARNING LEADERSHIP POSITION DESIGNED TO EVOLVE SIGNATURE PROGRAMS
Position will Cultivate a Leadership Pipeline Driven to Do

PHOENIX (May 15, 2019) — [Valley Leadership \(VL\)](#) has hired Bridget Jones as Vice President, Leadership Development. This first-ever head of learning position will oversee Valley Leadership's leadership cultivation programming to empower Arizona leaders to tackle the most pressing issues facing our state. Jones will design and implement learning curriculum to grow the knowledge, skills and network class members need to make immediate and systemic change in Arizona.

Jones is charged with the evolution of VL's signature programs, [Valley Leadership Institute](#) and [Valley Leadership Accelerate](#). Her role will leverage the organization's rich programmatic history and reputation while advancing current curriculum to be more timely, innovative and intentional about impact. Jones has more than six years of experience creating and restructuring leadership programs. Her proven commitment to inspiring impact through experiential education and collaboration with a diverse cross-section of partners were key elements in her selection for the role. Showcasing the community's excitement about Valley Leadership's pivot, more than 200 candidates applied for this new position.

"Bridget's past experience and impressive skill set is uniquely qualified to evolve our leadership programming to match the sophistication of our growing region and state," says David Brown, VL CEO. "Her drive and passion around developing leaders is in line with the future of our organization and the role we want our program graduates to play in tackling the issues and opportunities facing Arizona. We are beyond thrilled to welcome Bridget to our team."

Jones is a leadership development and training expert with deep experience in program development and management, group facilitation, and project management. In her new role at Valley Leadership, she is charged with developing sophisticated learning spaces and activities that enable individuals to do meaningful work on Arizona's most pressing issues. Jones will build on Valley Leadership's thriving cultures, facilitating learning experiences and designing curriculum to meet the needs of adult learners.

Serving Arizona for the past 40 years, Valley Leadership recently committed to a three-year strategic plan and organizational strategic change that shifts focus from a leadership program that individuals start and finish, to developing a leadership culture within Arizona that seeks to impact long-term issues. Jones will be instrumental in recruiting, selecting and cultivating current and future alumni to be driven to have deep impacts across the state.

Learn more about VL's signature programs: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/pathtoimpact/>

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About Valley Leadership

Valley Leadership empowers, leverages and mobilizes leaders to meaningfully impact the most pressing issues facing Arizona. Our vision is a broad spectrum of Arizonans working together to impact the issues that matter most, setting the example on leadership.

As the Valley's premier leadership organization, Valley Leadership boasts a proven and long-standing track record of making deep impacts on the community. Our roots date back to the late 1970s, when a group of Valley visionaries recognized the need to identify and develop the next generation of leadership. Our founders imagined an annual succession of educated change agents dedicated to the best possible future for our region. Almost 40 years later, this vision has produced nearly 3,000 alumni. Through high-quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network, Valley Leadership

goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.

Bridget Jones

Bridget Jones has built a career developing leadership in others. She most recently led the Leadership Pipeline and Pathway Project in the Phoenix Union High School District which serves over 27,000 students and nearly 3,000 staff members. During her tenure, she expanded leadership development to all staff and collaboratively implemented the first onboarding experience for new administrators.

Prior to that work, she led efforts to infuse values-based leadership development and community embeddedness into new teacher training at Teach For America - Phoenix. While at the Charter Schools Association, she co-designed and launched an Aspiring Leaders Fellowship in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education and Teach For America - Phoenix.

Bridget began her career as a fourth grade teacher in the Littleton Elementary School District. She also served as Deputy Director of Municipal Affairs for the Home Builders Association of Central Arizona.

Whether it's hiking, road trips, or travels abroad, Bridget spends much of her free time exploring - having recently spent a month in Ghana as a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad recipient. She is the first in her family to graduate college, earning a B.S. in Psychology from Denison University.