

North Notes

Spokane-North Rotary Club

March 10, 2025

- Mar. 17th - Debi Dockins, Pullman Rotary Club, RYLA overview
- Mar. 24th – First meeting at Ruby River Hotel

Announcements

- Next Monday (3/17) will be the club's final meeting at Bark. The Club will start meeting at the Ruby River Inn beginning on March 24th. Ruby River Inn is located at 700 N Division St, Spokane, WA 99202. Parking is plentiful and free.
- **Laura** shared that club members have an opportunity to tour the Mobius Science Center on April 30th at 10:00 a.m.
- **Sheila** shared that Anastasia from Kasama, Zambia is doing well in school. Deena and Sheila are working on a fundraiser to further support Anastasia. Either Deena or Sheila can be contacted for more information.

New Member – Deena Budano

Current members were excited to induct the club's newest Rotarian, Deena! Outside of the club, Deena leads *Brushes Up with the Budano's*, a company that brings the artistic painting experience right to people's homes. She also hosts a successful podcast titled *Dream Big with Deena Budano*. Deena works with Monat Gratitude, serving as a gratitude ambassador, helping people find purpose through gratitude, giving, and kindness.



President Steve Bergman inducting new member Deena Budano

Happy Bucks

- **Shiela** was \$20 happy for her guests joining our meeting today – Mike, Jordan, and Josh. She also shared that Paulette has taken a new position with the Grant County Public Defense Office.
- **Steve Boharski** was \$5 happy that Chuck is making great progress with his healing and recovering.
 - Steve had an additional \$1 to offer, while acknowledging Shiela's energy.
- **Deena** was happy that Shiela introduced her to Rotary and for her new grandson.
- **Jerry** was happy for his oldest son's birthday.

MESA - Creating Pathways to STEM

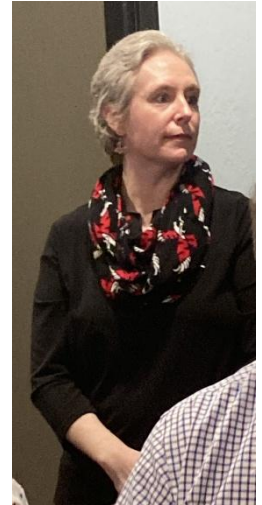
We were joined by two Eastern Washington University faculty members, Dr. Melissa Graham, Director of Math, Engineering Science Achievement program (MESA), and Dr. David Bowman, Dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM).



Dr. David Bowman

The MESA program started in California and began in Washington state in 1984 with the goal of helping underrepresented and underserved students feel a sense of belonging and to achieve success in STEM studies and careers. EWU is the first MESA four-year university outside of California.

Any student interested in pursuing a degree in STEM is welcomed by MESA. The group particularly encourages the following student populations to apply: BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), women, gender non-conforming, first-generation college students and low-income students.



Dr. Melissa Graham

MESA helps students get involved in the STEM field and ensures that passion remains during transitions from middle school to high school and high school to college.

They achieve this goal by providing tutoring, specialized courses, mentorship, and supportive networks to MESA students.

- MESA has a variety of different programs and events available to students not yet in college and interested in STEM including:
 - Hosting the National Engineering Design Competition,
 - Variety of camps such as the Girls + STEM Camp and WE STEM +
 - Mentorship and internship experiences
- MESA provides many benefits to EWU students who are a part of the program including:
 - A student support center, tutoring, and peer mentoring
 - Internships, career advising, paid summer research experiences
 - Cohort mathematics courses with TA support
 - School supply support



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