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Wyoming's Senior Statesmen take the Stage in Jackson

On September 13, 2016, InterConnections 21, thinkWY | Wyoming Humanities, and Wyoming PBS Public Broadcasting Station will bring two of Wyoming's beloved statesmen together, along with our moderator, former Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice, the Honorable Marilyn Kite, for what is sure to be a lively discussion about civility in politics and the current political climate nationally and internationally.

Alan Simpson, known by most as Al, is a former Wyoming Senator, and Mike Sullivan, is a former Wyoming Governor and Ambassador to Ireland. As a Republican and Democrat respectively, both have seen a shift in the tone of public discourse on politics and a shift in what being an effective statesman means. Each man is known for his ability to cultivate strong relationships with those on both sides of the isle.

From the United Kingdom's recent vote to exit the European Union to our U.S. presidential election, there are many examples where decorum is lacking in interactions

Reviving Civility In Politics
Is It Possible?
September 13, 2016
Tickets: \$25
Moderated by former Wyoming Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kite

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Mike Sullivan

between politicians. What are the implications of this less than civil climate?

Is it possible to have reasonable and civil discussions in our modern polarized times?

This discussion will be held at the Center for the Arts in Jackson, Wyoming at 6pm on September 13th. Tickets are \$25 (includes Vendini processing fee) and can be purchased online at the Center for the Arts' website. This event is expected to sell out!

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY RUN



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 10
2016 • 10:00 AM

It's almost that time of year again! As of August 1, 2016, contributions to valley non-profits through Old Bill's Foundation are now being accepted. Please support InterConnections 21 and the valuable programming we bring to the valley when donating to the Old Bill's 2016.

Funds raised for IC21 from the Old Bill's Fun Run will be used to support the implementation and development of IC21 programs for students and community members, including the Teton County Model United Nations (celebrating its 11th year in November 2016!) and our Global Speakers series. You can donate online here.

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One Final Conference



At the entrance to the opening ceremonies of Berkeley Model United Nations (BMUN) conference, a line of students, faculty, and advisors stretched around Sproul Plaza in the heart of the UC Berkeley campus. Among those participants were 11 students from Jackson Hole Community School and Journeys School, as well as chaperones Drew Overholser, history faculty at Journeys School, and Shelby Read, executive director of InterConnections 21. Each year, IC21 facilitates a trip to a national Model United Nations (MUN) conference, furthering their mission of encouraging kids to think globally and act locally. Approximately 1600 kids came together in California during the first weekend of March to debate about the crisis in Yemen, migrant workers' rights, electoral violence, and more. BMUN is the nation's oldest Model UN conference, and the hard work dedicated to the conference was apparent to all those present, including teams that congregated in Berkeley from all over the country and the world.

The Jackson delegation brought together a myriad of differences in experience, from first-time MUN participants

to students embarking on their fifth conference. Each delegation, most working together as pairs, formulated resolutions, gave speeches, and furthered their country's position on the topics at hand. The level of debate at BMUN 64 was unlike any conference I had ever been to, and I was continually impressed by the diligence of every member of Jackson's team both inside and outside of committee sessions.

I have been a delegate once at the annual Teton County Model UN conference (TCMUN), and twice at national conferences. In addition, I have served as a Committee Co-Chair for two years at the TCMUN conference. I cannot imagine an activity that has shaped my personality, worldview, or high school career more than MUN-and I've been doing other extracurricular programs for far longer. MUN is a fantastic program that invites students to think deeply about

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issues that are typically beyond the scope of a high school experience, and in turn, think deeper about their own personal knowledge and beliefs. Coming away from BMUN 64 with a commendation from my committee, the Arab League, was the most

fulfilling and excitement-filled way to end my MUN career. I leave the MUN world next year knowing that the legacy of the program, under IC21's guidance, will live on and only become stronger in the years to come. Moreover, I could not recommend another activity as highly as I advocate for Model UN for high school students—it is truly a life-changing experience.

- Sloane Gordon

Jackson Hole Community School, Class of 2016

A Day of Service with Global Visitors

InterConnections 21 was pleased to work with the Wyoming Council for International Visitors (WCIV) and the Community School of Jackson Hole to volunteer in the community with esteemed visitors from the Bahamas, Hungary, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Sudan, Jordan, Kenya, Ukraine, and Zimbabwe. We spent time with the WCIV delegates, who are civic leaders, non-profit employees, academics, and

government officials engaged in youth development in their home countries. Many of these delegates come from countries where community service is not as widely incorporated, and WCIV thought it would be a rewarding experience for the visitors to volunteer alongside American youth. The goal for the visiting professionals is that, through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders

in a variety of fields, experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. We also think that Jackson's residents and children have much to gain by interacting with people of differing backgrounds and cultures.

We volunteered at local non-profits with students from the Jackson Hole Community School, and we divided our service between the Teton Raptor Center, Hole Food Rescue, and the Animal Adoption Center. The students from Jackson Hole Community School participated as a part of their "Community Service Day", and this experience proved to be a great opportunity for some of our community's kids to engage with professionals from all over the world. After the



service projects ended, two recent high school graduates, and IC21 program alumni, gave a presentation about the different IC21 programs they participated in during their high school careers.

IC21 BUZZ

The summer of 2016 is bringing some bittersweet changes to our board of directors. Bill Field, who has volunteered with IC21 and served on our board for the past 17 years, has fulfilled his final term limits and has rotated off the board. He has been in the valley for 40 years and during this time Bill has primarily been involved in small business, including being a founding owner of Mountain High Pizza from 1980 to 2014, and a principal owner in Wilson Hardware and the Stagecoach Bar.

Bill had dedicated nearly two decades to Interconnections 21 because of his lifelong interest in global affairs. He shared, "I have always been interested in current events and international relations because our lives are all effected by them, whether it be economically,

environmentally, socially, or politically". While Bill will no longer be an active member of our board of directors, he has joined our advisory board as he enjoys "...participating in an organization that opens doors to student awareness and engagement in current events and provides opportunities for the community at large to broaden their perspective on international relations". We are grateful for his years of dedication to IC21 but know we will see him around town and at our next IC21 events!

We are beyond thrilled to welcome Libby Crews Wood to our board of directors. She is a Wyoming native and has been a resident of Jackson Hole since 1991. She is an elementary educator in Teton County School District #1, where she has taught for the past twelve years. Prior to teaching, Libby served as the coordinator of the

pARTners program for five years, and before that the development, assistant, and finally executive director of the arts and humanities organization, the Snake River Institute. She and her husband, Peter raised a daughter in Jackson Hole and its public schools. Bella participated in the Teton County Model UN program for all four years of high school, eventually serving as the Student Logistics Director for the 2015 conference. Libby and her family have keen interests in and connections to international issues in East Africa, Europe, and South America. By serving on the board of IC21, Libby will be able to support this organization's contributions toward a more broad and globally-minded Jackson Hole community.

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