



**Learning Enterprises is proud to
announce its newest Executive Staff for
PY 2009-2010!**

We are excited to have such a distinct group of experienced, creative and fun-loving individuals with a wealth of experience both in LE and out. This year marks the first year in LE history that we have a four-person executive team, and we are confident they will excel in their leadership of the organization.

Harry Wodehouse, Managing Director

In the summer of 2007, while traipsing around the Slovak-Hungarian border, Harry ran into an old friend from school who just so happened to be amidst his mid-point break with Learning Enterprises! Despite his general state of filth and exhaustion, the LE volunteers welcomed him into their group for the weekend and got Harry hooked on some of LE's greatest characteristics: creativity, sharing, and keeping it simple and fun!

Harry's first official experience with LE came the next summer, when he volunteered in a tiny, mountainous village on the island of Mauritius. Inspired by his students, the warmth of the Mauritian people, and the LE mission, Harry decided to spend this past year coordinating another successful program on the "Blessed Island" as Mauritius Program Director. As the Managing Director, Harry has high hopes for programming year 2010 and is looking forward to continuing the incredible successes of LE.



Harry is currently a senior at the George Washington University, studying International Affairs, Development, and French Literature. When not working for the cause, Harry can be found performing with GW's student theater community, enjoying a sporting event, or cooking something delicious.

On his 5-year vision for Learning Enterprises: *I think it is important to maintain the creative sense of grassroots, service-based adventurism that is such a unique and appealing characteristic. Overall, I want to see LE's existing programs continue to grow in their organization, legitimacy, and sustainability, but without losing the sense of relaxedness, that fosters autonomy, creativity, and a sense of connection with ones surroundings.*

On why he adores LE: *Ultimately, the reason why I love LE is because of this relaxed, adventuresome, and off-the-beaten-path feel. A lot of people are looking for adventure through service, and in my opinion, LE offers an incredible balance of trendy travel opportunities, rustic cultural immersion, and most importantly real opportunities to help others.*

Max Lambertson, Co-Director of Programming

Maximilien Lambertson, man of science and of the people, was yearning for an organization that most closely resembled perfection. He found this in Learning Enterprises and his time as a volunteer, Program Director, and now Co-Director of programming has been unreal.

Max is currently a junior at Georgetown University studying International Politics. He enjoys a nice cool glass of apricot juice and anticipates with boundless trepidation his coming year volunteering for Learning Enterprises.



On his 5-year vision for Learning Enterprises: *I would like to see LE very close to the way it is now, simply more widely accepted as a well established, legitimate volunteer organization. The most important value to maintain is our simplicity. We are a volunteer organization teaching English in various countries, fostering cultural exchange and the spirit of volunteerism, nothing more nothing less.*

On why he adores LE: *Learning Enterprises is unique, there's absolutely nothing like it out there. In today's climate of distrust of large organizations lacking oversight, Learning Enterprises is ever more relevant with a staff exclusively of students volunteering for the love of its mission and not for any other reason. Its transparency and lack of program fee really are fantastic. Cultural exchange is one of the greatest goals to achieve in an ever globalized world.*

Ken Linamen, Co-Director of Programming

Ken Linamen, while fumbling through the Internet one day, happened across the LE website. At the time, he had no idea of what was in store for him. After his first LE experience as a member of the Egypt Pilot, Ken fell in love with LE and knew it was something he wanted to help build further. Ken is looking forward to a great year of working with fantastic people who share his passions.

Ken is currently a senior at the University of Pittsburgh, graduating last year with a BPhil in Finance and working towards a second degree in Political Science. He loves anything mango and would cross rivers and climb mountains for a great curry... He has boundless excitement for this coming year and hopes he can be part of making this fantastic organization even better!

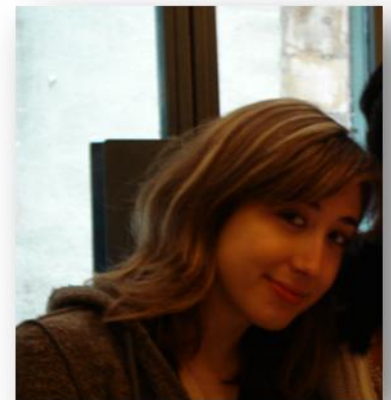


On his 5-year vision for Learning Enterprises: *I feel we need to maintain our nature of working around change, and ensuring our ideals of giving immense opportunity to college students are still maintained.*

On why he adores LE: *While in Egypt, working as a teacher to students who were as old, or older than I was, I became close friends with two of my students – both of whom loved baseball as much as I did, but like myself, were unable to find enough people to play or a place to play. Within a week or two, the three of us set up a group, found an old soccer field and set up games twice a week. It eventually grew so much, that we had to switch out players mid-game so everyone would get a chance to play. A couple months ago, I called Mina, one of the friends who helped me start the group, to see how he was doing and while on the phone, he made sure to let me know that the group was still running, meeting on Saturday and Wednesday nights for a pick-up game. It just makes me feel so good to know that such a simple thing made so many people happy and that long after I was gone, at least one of the things I did while in Egypt is still going strong. What other college experience fosters these kinds of actions, or gives you the opportunity to work so independently? None! That's why I love LE.*

Francesca Mazzola, Director of Training and Recruiting

Francesca first fell in love with LE in 2007 when she experienced the most amazing summer of her life teaching in Hungary and Slovakia. During her time there, she learned how to milk a cow, ride a mechanical bull, and take thermal baths. But in all seriousness, her work that summer showed her the amazing impact that she (and college students like her) could have on children around the world, and how those same children could teach her things school never could. Inspired to share this experience, she returned to Learning Enterprises in 2008 to work as Stanford's Campus Director. In 2009, Francesca served as the Program Director for the Hungary/Slovakia program—an experience that she will cherish forever.



Currently Francesca is a senior at Stanford University. She is pursuing a degree in Political Science with minors in Economics and Italian. Although her future-predicting abilities remain rusty, she hopes to continue to work for NGOs (just like LE!). In the meantime, Francesca hopes to help create LE's most successful year ever!

On her 5-year vision for Learning Enterprises: *LE went through an enormous metamorphosis this year. In particular, I think it did an excellent job providing much more information to volunteers about the program and connecting the volunteers to villages earlier. While these improvements have been crucial in increasing LE's professionalism, I feel as if more can be done during the recruitment stage. LE can be presented as a more professional organization at an earlier stage.*

On why she adores LE: *Learning Enterprises gives students around the world a chance to view learning differently. With its unique approach, Learning Enterprises aspires to make learning fun. It allows its students, who are often used to very mechanical ways of learning, to experience a different philosophy of teaching. I love Learning Enterprises because it allows capable college students to participate in one of the most valuable exchanges of their lives. They are able to bring new perspective into the lives of children abroad, while they themselves are able to widen their own horizons.*