



GUARDIAN NEWS

INAUGURAL EDITION

**From the Co-Directors**

Why the World Needs Guardians

We are living through a time of extraordinary possibility and profound responsibility. Environmental pressures threaten our planet's health. Social divisions weaken communities. Economic uncertainty affects the security and opportunities available to millions. Physical and emotional well-being remain urgent concerns for people of every age.

These challenges are interconnected, and they will shape the world our children and grandchildren inherit. Yet we believe the future is still being written.

The Guardian Project was founded on a simple conviction: protecting their future means transforming ours. Young people need more than our concern. They need advocates, protectors, mentors, and engaged changemakers willing to act today on behalf of generations they may never meet.

During our first year, schools, educators, students, consultants, and partners from around the world responded to that call. They believed in the Five Promises and in the possibility of becoming good ancestors. Their trust, enthusiasm, and generosity helped turn an idea into a growing global community.

Now invite you to join Project is entering its next chapter. We are strengthening our focus on service, meaningful action, and the legacy Guardians choose to create. We will continue to bring people together, share learning, and build relationships. At the heart of it all will be one unmistakable purpose: serving the future.

We invite you to help us turn concern into commitment and commitment into action.

Serve the Future. Keep the Promises. Become a Good Ancestor.



Robert Landau, Aaron Moniz, and Lauren Jones

Co-Directors, The Guardian Project

OUR NEXT CHAPTER

From Membership to Movement

The Guardian Project began with a compelling vision: the Five Promises, Guardian Gathers, shared resources, and a flawed global feethink, and a growing global network.

As we reflected on our first year, one important question emerged: Should the Guardian Project be defined primarily by what members receive, or by what we stand for?

This evolution builds upon what we have already created. Schools, organizations, and individuals will continue to benefit from relationships, shared resources, professional learning, and leadership opportunities. These experiences have genuine value. Their purpose, however, is to strengthen our ability to serve, not to personalize experience or limit access.

We make this evolution not to ask us to turn concern into commitment and commitment to meaningful action. Our new guiding principle expresses that responsibility in three words: Serve the Future.

The Five Promises become commitments. Guardians continually work to keep. Guardian Greetings become places to learn, contribute, connect, and prepare for action.

Recognition becomes a way to celebrate impact, share evidence, and inspire others.

This shift changes the central question from "What do I receive?" to "What can I contribute?" It moves us from seeking recognition to becoming good ancestors.

The Guardian Project is built around what Guardians choose to give. We join because serving the future matters

THE SHIFT



WHAT MEMBERS RECEIVE

- What Guardians contribute



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Commitment to future generations



RECOGNITION TIERS

- Evidence of promises being lived



EXCLUSIVE ACCESS

- Open invitation to serve



PROFESSIONAL ADVANTAGE

- Collective responsibility



BECOMING RECOGNIZED

- Becoming a good ancestor



WHY WE BELONG

The future needs advocates, protectors, and engaged changemakers willing to act today for generations they may never meet.



OUR SHARED COMMUNITY

A Clearer Purpose for the Movement

This next chapter gives every part of The Guardian Project a clearer purpose. Our mission describes what we do. Our vision names the future we hope to help create. Our guiding principle explains why we belong.

Together, they connect service, the Five Promises, and the legacy of becoming a good ancestor.

Our mission is to unite people around a shared responsibility, engage them through the Five Promises, and inspire meaningful action in service of the future.

Our vision reaches beyond single school, organization, or generation. We envision a healthy environment, a thriving society, a sustainable economy, and well-being for all living things, where future generations can live, grow, and dream.



MISSION

Unite. Engage. Serve.

VISION

A World Future Generations
Will Be Proud to Inherit.



WITH GRATITUDE

You Believed from the Beginning

When The Guardian Project launched, there was no established roadmap, long history, or proof of what the movement might become. There was a vision, the Five Promises, and a profound belief that protecting the future requires action today.

The people and school organizations recognized it as a story. They did more than become members. They placed their names, reputations, and trust behind an emerging idea. They saw the potential of students, educators, schools, and partners working together to protect the world future generations will inherit.

Their courage gave The Guardian Project credibility. Their conviction gave it momentum. Their willingness to join before every answer was known helped transform possibility into community.

As TGP enters its next chapter as a service-and-legacy movement, these individuals and organizations will always hold a special place in our story.

They were the first to say yes.

Founding Schools and Individuals

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Joyful Learning Leaders

TO OUR FOUNDING GUARDIANS

You joined before the path was fully visible. You believed that the future needs Guardians and that each of us has something meaningful to contribute. Your courage and conviction helped lay the foundation for this movement to grow. Thank you for being the first to say yes.

EXPERTISE CONTRIBUTED

Thank You to Our Volunteer Consultants

Throughout our first year, an extraordinary group of consultants contributed their knowledge, experience, and time by offering webinar sessions to the Guardian community.

They asked for nothing in return. They shared because they believed that their expertise could strengthen educators, inspire students, support schools, and advance the Five Promises.

Their generosity represents the service-and-legacy model at its best: people contributing what they know so others are better equipped to serve the future.

To every consultant who led a session, shared a resource, joined a conversation, or supported the movement behind the scenes, we extend our deepest gratitude. You showed that expertise becomes even more powerful when offered in service of a shared purpose.

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"Every movement begins with people willing to believe before the entire path is visible."

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OUR 2026–2027 FOCUS

Go Slow to Go Fast

Building the Guardian Movement at Barnhart School

2026-27

INTRODUCING OUR

DIRECTOR OF THE
GUARDIAN PROJECT
BARNHART
SCHOOL

SYLVIE
BUCKALEW



BARNHART SCHOOL



DR. TIM SPURRIER HEAD OF SCHOOL

A grateful partnership to lead, learn, and share—advancing the Five Promises through a distinctive school community.

The proof begins with one school at a time

Movements grow through vision, but they gain momentum through evidence. During 2026–2027, the Guardian Project will go slow to go fast by working deeply and intentionally with one school community.

Barnhart School in California will become our first proof of concept partner for the service and legacy model. Together, we will explore how a school can move from asking "What do we receive as members?" to asking "What can we contribute as Guardians?"

Led by Head of School Dr. Tim Spurrier and Guardian Project Director Sylvie Buckalew, the Barnhart community will bring the Five Promises to life through student voice, learning, service, collaboration, and meaningful action.

This partnership will allow us to listen, experiment, document what works, learn from challenges, and build a model grounded in the daily experience of an actual school community. Rather than attempting to grow quickly before the model is fully developed, we will concentrate our energy where it can create genuine learning and measurable impact.

Our goal is a Southern California Guardian Gathering in May 2027, where students, educators, schools, and community partners can share their work and experience the shift from "what you get" to "what you give."

We believe this focused year can provide the evidence, stories, and practical framework needed to galvanize the movement and inspire other schools to begin their own Guardian journeys.

FALL 2026



Listen and Design

Build shared understanding, engage students and educators, identify opportunities, and design meaningful Guardian experiences.

WINTER–SPRING 2027



Act and Document

Put the Five Promises into action, collect evidence, share stories, and learn from the experience.

MAY 2027



Gather and Inspire

Host a Southern California Guardian Gathering that celebrates contribution, connects schools, and shares the emerging model.

LOOKING AHEAD

Could Your School Be Next?

Schools interested in creating their own Guardian experience will be invited to join a future cohort facilitated by The Guardian Project and Barnhart School. Participants will learn from the Barnhart proof of concept, adapt the approach to their own communities, and contribute their discoveries to the growing movement.



Help Lead the Movement

The Guardian Project is preparing for its next stage of development. To strengthen our governance, or reach, and build a sustainable foundation for the future, we are seeking people who believe deeply in our mission and are ready to contribute their experience, relationships, and leadership.

VOLUNTEER BOARD

Seeking Five to Seven Volunteer Board Members

The Guardian Project is inviting visionary leaders to help guide our growing global service and legacy movement.

Our volunteer Board of Directors will provide mission-centered governance, strategic leadership, financial stewardship, and advocacy to ensure our long-term sustainability. Board members serve as ambassadors for The Guardian, offering top-tier support to ensure our decisions always align with the Five Promises and our deep responsibility to future generations.

We are looking for individuals who bring diverse backgrounds, perspectives, cultures, professional expertise, and global connections. Most importantly, we seek leaders who see board membership as an opportunity to actively contribute, not just advise.

This is a working board for an emerging movement. We ask that members be prepared to roll up their sleeves—actively participating, opening doors, strengthening partnerships, supporting fundraising, and helping turn an inspiring vision into a sustainable global reality.



If the words *Serve the Future* resonate with you, we invite you to begin a conversation with us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Building Toward an Executive Director

As The Guardian Project grows, establishes a sustainable financial foundation, and expands its programs and partnerships, we anticipate eventually seeking an Executive Director to guide the movement’s daily leadership and development.

We are not launching that search yet. Our immediate priority is to establish a strong volunteer board, complete the Barnhart proof of concept and create the foundation that will allow a future Executive Director to succeed.

We welcome early expressions of interest from people who would like to follow this journey and learn more as the role takes shape.

WHO DO WE NEED?

Experience That Can Strengthen the Movement

-  Nonprofit governance and leadership
-  Education and youth development
-  Fundraising, philanthropy, and grants
-  Strategic partnerships and sponsorships
-  Finance, law, and organizational sustainability
-  Communications, storytelling, and global outreach
-  Environmental, societal, economic, and well-being initiatives
-  International and culturally diverse perspectives

A commitment to the mission matters most.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

There Is a Place for You

-  Express interest in serving on the board
-  Follow the Barnhart proof of concept
-  Explore the future school cohort
-  Contribute expertise or resources
-  Sponsor a Guardian initiative or gathering
-  Share a story of the Five Promises in action
-  Introduce TGP to a potential partner

The future needs people willing to turn concern into commitment and commitment into meaningful action.



What can you do NOW?

- **Become a board member**
- **Join the movement - display the logo**
- **Volunteer**
- **Help us find the resources we need to succeed**
- **Organize a gathering like Barnhart School**
- **Become our first Executive Director**
- **Forward the newsletter to friends, colleagues, parents, and grandparents.**

Interested?

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