Take The Lead

Leadership UNK Class #12

Ten staff members were selected for the 2018-19 Leadership UNK class. Check out the UNK News article that was published and please feel free to reach out to the new members to offer a welcome!

- Whitney Cave - MBA Program
- Brandon Drozd - Health Sciences
- Val Glaser - Business Services
- Sarah Jones - Health Sciences
- Beth Montag - International Education
- Lisa Mount - Library
- Dylan Munson - eCampus
- Mark Omvedt - Facilities Management
- Caiti Smith - Communication
- Rosanna Vail - eCampus

Leadership Opportunities

- Women Advance I.T.
  - October 2-3, 2018 (Lincoln)
- Nebraska Women in Higher Education Leadership Conference
  - October 19, 2018 (Omaha) - Reach out to Beth Hinga if interested
- Leadership Summit
  - October 24, 2018 (Grand Island)
- Creative Leadership Seminar
  - November 26, 2018 (Grand Island) or November 27, 2018 (Lincoln)

Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight

Dustin Favinger

Hometown:
Minden, NE

Department:
College of Business & Technology Career Center

Job Title:
Director

Job Responsibilities:
Attached is our mission... maybe this is the best answer since we wear many hats... I also instruct BSAD100 "Exploring Business", BSAD400 "Professional Readiness" and numerous CBT internships during the summer.

Hobbies:
Spending time with my family (Lindsey – wife, Dylan – son and Callie – dog); spending weekends at the lake; golfing, fishing, basketball.... Anything outdoors!

In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
Easy! Driving a race car is on my bucket list so I’d love to spend a day racing a sprint car for a living.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
I’ll piggy-back on the last question. I’ve been a motorsports (primarily NASCAR) fan my entire life. I was brought up around the sport attending local dirt races to watch my uncle race. My family and I have also been to races at Kansas Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway (TN) and Daytona International Speedway (FL). I recently took my son, Dylan, to a sprint car race in Lincoln last summer and I have a good feeling that he’ll be hooked as well!! I also raced dirt bikes as a kid!

final thoughts...

"Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.”
- Cory Booker
This year, Leadership UNK is comprised of 10 individuals from various departments. The main goal for our first meeting was for members to get to know one another beyond their titles and departments. The morning began by introducing Leadership UNK and our book “Good Leaders Ask Great Questions” by John C. Maxwell. Carlina Grove led a speed friending activity where members had one minute to get to know a fellow class member, would then rotate, and by the end of the activity everyone had an opportunity to connect. Amy Rundstrom led a discussion on how your attitude positively or negatively affects a situation. The class was engaging and the conversations flowed with ease. Meredith DeHaven came up with a creative way to get to know campus. The class was split into groups and tasked with identifying photos of places on campuses. Throughout the activity members were moved to different groups which promoted a conversation of how does change look and feel. Don Welleensiek did his hat activity again which was a favorite amongst the group. We closed with introducing past Leadership UNK participants and current Board members, and we all enjoyed lunch on the patio at the Alumni house!

The September Leadership UNK session was related to communication and networking. Being the second session of the program, the class was still getting to know each other. At the end of the August session, class members randomly picked another members name to meet with one-on-one between sessions. Each team reported back to the class on what they learned about each other at the beginning and end of this session. Throughout the morning, members of the class heard networking tips and advice from Aaron Estes and Tom Knott and were given the opportunity to pitch themselves to a group of UNK staff in a speed networking session. Brady Bonsall, Jael Roschewski, and Kristen Howard joined the session for a panel discussion on connecting with students, student-athletes, parents, donors and alumni. The class also discussed the first reading assignment of the book “Good Leaders Ask Great Questions” by John C Maxwell. The reading was able to provide additional discussion with our presenters. It was a packed morning of information.