Hometown:
Kearney!

Department:
International Education

Job Title:
Assistant Director, International Recruitment, Marketing & the English Language Institute

Job Responsibilities:
I get to wear a number of different hats at UNK! My two primary roles include 1) running the UNK English Language Institute which encompasses everything from recruiting to retaining to ‘graduating’ students who want to improve their English skills, and 2) working closely with our international network of UNK advocates and partner universities to market our short-term and degree-seeking programs.

Hobbies:
My current hobbies include changing diapers, late night feedings and lots and lots of laundry! Aside from that I love to be outdoors riding 4-wheelers, reading a good book or travelling, near and far.

In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:
Empowering, Trusting, Humble and one more – Imperfect!

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I don’t know why, but I love watching live court cases on TV. For that reason, I think I need to be a court reporter for a day. Or maybe a private investigator!

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
When I was growing up, my parents had an ostrich farm, so I once got to take a newborn ostrich chick for show and tell! It remains one of the highlights of my life, haha!

“Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them.”
- John C. Maxwell

Leadership Opportunities

- Creative Leadership Seminar
  - November 26, 2018 (Grand Island) or November 27, 2018 (Lincoln)

- Brown Bag Luncheon
  - Personality Color Code Session / December 5, 2018 (Loper Suite 310 - NSU)
Unlike prior years, this year’s Leadership UNK class had an opportunity to attend the Board of Regents meeting on the UNK campus. During his welcome, Chancellor Christensen asked the class to stand and introduced the class to those in attendance. The class was able to hear firsthand the status of the BRT initiatives from Marjorie Kostelnik, see the presentation of the KUDOS award to Deb Huryta and to hear the well-wishes to Bob Whitehouse as he steps down from the Board of Regents. After the meeting, Vice Chancellor Jon Watts graciously took time with the class to share his experience and relationships UNK has with the Regents.

The November session opened with a continuation of our “Getting to Know You” activity where members meet up between sessions and learn about one another outside of work. Then, Jane Sheldon, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, shared her leadership journey. She spoke on being an inspiration, building a strong team, communicating and being a visionary and embracing change. She also shared some advice like, never present a problem without a solution, take care of yourself and read something every day. The group had a robust discussion around “Good Leaders ask Great Questions” and were challenged to identify their “cornerstone” in their approach to leadership. Next, the class completed a wellness wheel where they examined six different areas in their life: physical, financial, intellectual, emotional and social. This provided a time for reflection as they visually saw where they were at and created a plan to make their life more balanced. To end the day, we learned about dining etiquette at Sozo American Cuisine. Did you know, at a business meeting you should order the salad over the soup because there is less potential of it being messy? We didn’t! Shout out to Rosanna for being the only one to pass that test! This interactive lunch provided us an opportunity to learn about the “do’s and don’ts” of dining out to impress.