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PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY!

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Mission >>> Familiarize staff and employees with Leadership opportunities at UNK

Take The Lead

Leadership UNK Class #16

The Holiday Social Event for Leadership UNK Alumni class was at UNK Alumni House on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 from 4-6pm with appetizers, drinks and desserts. We had a Wonderful time!!



Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>> Meredith DeHaven

Hometown:
Mosinee, Wisconsin

Department:
Human Resources

Job Title:
Employment Specialist

Job Responsibilities:
I work with all departments across campus to fill open positions and identify recruitment opportunities for campus. I am also the primary contact for work comp issues and claims.

Hobbies:
Fishing, boating, and spending time at my son's sporting events. Anything outdoors even during the cold months.

In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:
Direction, Communication, and Support

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I would love to be an athletic trainer

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
Prior to relocating to Kearney, I was a marketing manager for a seasonal candy company.



Final thoughts...

"A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go, but ought to be." – Rosalyn Carter

December session >>>

Communication & Teamwork

Led by Renee Mitchell & Terri Lovitt

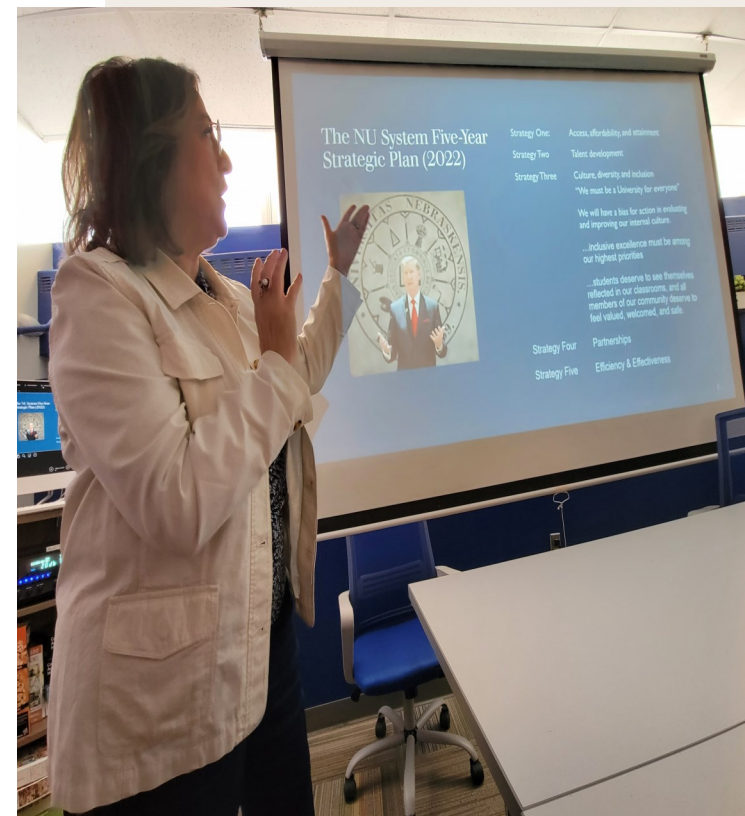
Communication and Teamwork was the theme for December's Leadership UNK class and the library was featured as this month's campus area. The morning started with a presentation and tour from Evan Boyd, Dean of the Library. Dean Boyd discussed goals for the library and plans for the upcoming renovation. During the tour, the class got an idea of what areas would be updated in the library and the improvements that would be made through the remodel.

Following the tour, Drs. Nita and Scott Unruh from the department of Kinesiology and Sport Sciences discussed the importance of communication when working with a team. The class was able to form their own teams to build a cup pyramid without physically touching the cups.

The day ended with a discussion on the class's upcoming speeches and a presentation from Brandon Drozd, UNMC Workforce Development Leadership Program Manager and Leadership UNK alumnus. After hearing about the details of the speech and how to prepare for it, each class member had the chance to practice with a short impromptu speech.



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**January session >>>**

Advocacy & Diversity

Led by Bethany Johnson & Paula Fuestman

The group met for their first class session of 2023 to learn about the topic of Advocacy & Diversity and the campus area of Student Affairs. The morning started with an activity on privilege to show that everyone has different advantages and disadvantages compared to their peers.

Following the activity, the group heard from a panel consisting of Ashley Olivas, Senior TRIO Advisor; Dr. Douglas Biggs, Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Affairs; and Sarah Mattson, Assistant Director of Disability Services. The panel discussed the challenges they see students facing, the trends they've seen in recent years, and how faculty and staff can support students.

After the panel, the class toured Antelope Hall to see the amenities that students are provided while living on campus. The day concluded with a presentation from Dr. Maha Younes, Chief Diversity Officer, who spoke about inclusive leadership, equity, and her vision for UNK to become more diverse and inclusive.