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Mission >>> *Familiarize staff and employees with Leadership opportunities at UNK and opportunities in the Kearney area..- - - unk.edu/leadership-unk*

Take The Lead

We would like to say **THANK YOU** to all who have supported Leadership UNK through this unique year. **Thank you** to those who presented or led sessions. **Thank you** to those who contributed to the food drive or nominated potential new members. **Thank you** to those who supported office mates who were part of the current class. **Thank you** to those who have offered input and who continue to promote the program across campus. This has been an unprecedented year, and our Board of Graduates and our class leaders have faced unprecedented challenges. Congratulations to those leaders for persevering and continuing to provide safe, quality content for our class members. We have all learned a lot this year, and hopefully we will be able to utilize this mix of old and new as we move into the future.

As always, if you have any ideas for new sessions or would like to get involved and lead a session, please reach out to anyone on our Board of Graduates. (http://www.unk.edu/committees/leadership-unk/leadership-unk-board-of-graduates.php)

Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>>

Alyssa Wyant

Hometown:
Kearney, NE

Department:
UNK eCampus

Job Title:
Associate Director

Job Responsibilities:
I work a lot with day-to-day administration. I also work with marketing and recruitment activities. I work closely with our online program coordinators to identify strategies to help improve our service to online students. I analyze campaigns for effectiveness and work on various other projects.

Hobbies:
I love spending time with my family, especially time spent outside. I like to run. We have a cabin at Johnson Lake where we love to spend time in the summer. My son is learning to fish, so I like watching him and his dad fishing.

In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:
Communication. Organization. Positivity.

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I always say that I would never ask those I'm supervising to do something that I'm not willing to do. With that in mind, I think I would like to spend some time as an online program coordinator so that I could really understand what their work day is like.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
I'm really pretty predictable. I do have a hidden talent though: I can touch my nose with my tongue.

final thoughts...

"Leadership is an action, not a position."
-Donald McGannon

April session >>>

Teamwork & Negotiating

Led by Kayla James and Renae Zimmer

On Wednesday April 7th, 2021, the Leadership UNK class of 2020-2021 met for the final time at Village Flats. Renae Zimmer led a discussion on negotiation basics and eight common questions to ask yourself about negotiation. Then the class watched a ted talk with Ashley Pare titled “Have Your Cake and Negotiate Too.”

Bill Calhoun, the CEO of Kearney Regional Medical Center (KRMC) spoke on Teamwork during Covid. He shared six habits of effective negotiation. Bill finished with a discussion on “Don’t Let Teamwork get in the way of Agility” and the “Art of Delegation”.

Dr. Kyle Luthans, Chair of the Management Department at UNK, spoke on a positive approach to leadership with a focus on psychological capital and workplace outcomes. His focus is that rituals and habits can determine our outlook on a situation, and we are in control of our perception. Creating positive mindful events for ourselves everyday can help us live a more contented life.

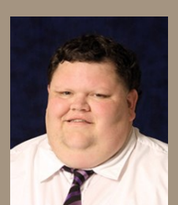
May session >>>

2020-2021 Leadership UNK Graduation

On Wednesday May 15th, the Board of Graduates for Leadership UNK held a graduation ceremony for the 2020-2021 class of Leadership UNK in the Ponderosa Room. Vice Chancellor Bicak and Dean Tim Jares along with the Board of Graduates members and many past members of the program were in attendance. The program began with a welcome by Brandon Drozd, the current Board of Graduates President. Vice Chancellor Jon Watts gave a motivating and heartfelt speech about his leadership path. He stated, “You are it. You are the human capitol that propels this institution. You are the future of our campus.”

Paula Fuestman and Suzette Eppler, the current Co-Chairs of the 2020-2021 class, gave a few remarks and words of thanks. It was announced that Matt Allbright and Danielle Kluver will be the Co-Chairs of the 2021-2022 class of LUNK. A brief slideshow with photos highlighting the 2020-2021 class topics and the speakers of each month was presented. Then each class member spoke to the group about their volunteer opportunities, meetings they attended and their personal mission statement. Each graduating class member was presented with a glass memento, LUNK apparel and a few other items.

Beth Montag, the Board of Graduates Vice-President, recognized the out-going members of the Board of Graduates: Lisa Mendoza-Klingelhoefer, Ross Pierce and Meredith DeHaven. These members had been on the Board for three years. They were honored with a glass memento. Brandon Drozd closed the ceremony offering many thanks to the administration and those in attendance for their support of the program.



Congratulations to our 2020-2021 graduates:

Matt Allbright
Assistant Director of Operations
Residence Life

Dawn Cromer
Business Manager
Communications and Marketing

Lynelle Fritzen
Associate Director of Sponsorships
Business Services

Danielle Kluver
Content Coordinator
eCampus

Ashley Olivas
Enrollment Event and Outreach Coordinator
Admissions

Scott Olson
Accounting Manager
Finance Office

Darlene Sandoval
Office Associate
Accounting, Finance and Economics Department

Stacey Schwarz
Online Program Coordinator
eCampus

Rachelle Warner
Office Associate
Thompson Scholars Learning Community