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

Did you know?

The Big Blue Cupboard is now the Loper Pantry. This campus-based food pantry opened in 2012 and has been fighting food insecurity on campus ever since. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry has been distributing on average over 3000 items per month. The pantry is located in the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion, on the ground floor of the Nebraskan Student Union.

In November, Leadership UNK threw down a challenge to the UNK community to see which department could donate the most items to the Loper Pantry. A total of 19 departments took up the challenge, donating a total of 1003 items. The winning department was the Office of Student Engagement, with 152 items donated.

The need for donations is ongoing and hygiene products are always in need along with food items, with top products being jerky, fruit cups, cereal and peanut butter. If you would like to make a financial donation, donors can give anytime at <https://nufoundation.org/fund/01149590/>

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Luis Olivas olivasherrlr@unk.edu.



Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>> Emily Beaman

Hometown:
Kearney/Grand Island, Nebraska

Department:
Academic Advising & Career Development

Job Title:
Academic and Career Advisor

Job Responsibilities:
My responsibilities include advising deciding students, career development events and presentations such as career fairs, and assigning advisors.

Hobbies:
In pre- and post-COVID-19 days, I enjoy travel. I also enjoy being outside with my family, hiking, doing puzzles, and bingeing true crime on Netflix. I am also working on my Master's degree.

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

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I'm not sure if I would be very good at it, but if I could be, I would be a stand-up comedian. I like to make people laugh; it brings me joy.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
I married my high school sweetheart. We started dating over MSN Messenger.



final thoughts...

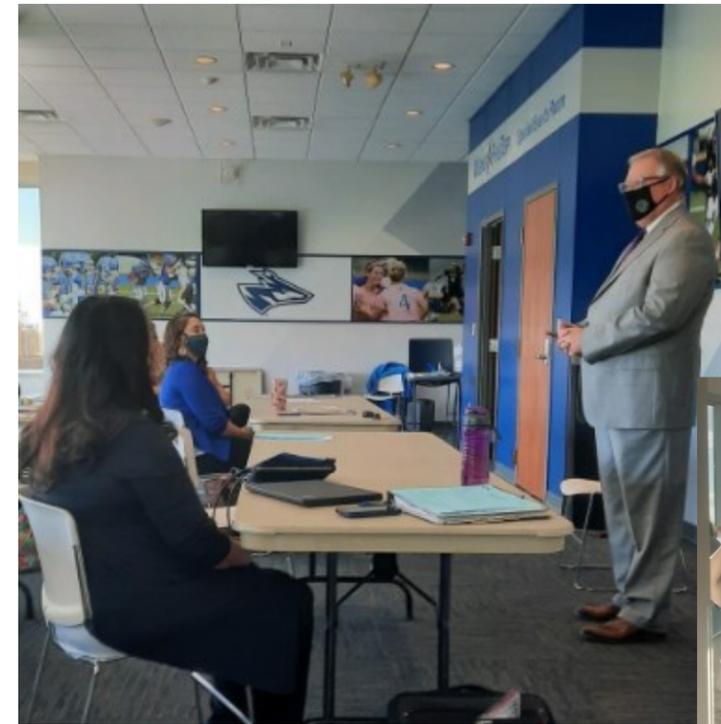
"To add value to others, one must first value others"
—John Maxwell

October session >>>

Board of Regents Meeting

On Wednesday October 7th, the Leadership UNK class met with Dr. Charlie Bicak and Dr. Jon Watts for an hour. The time was spent listening to Dr. Bicak and Jon Watts talk about what the group would see and hear at the Board of Regents meeting the following day. Dr. Bicak highlighted the two Academic Affairs agenda items. These two items were program additions for UNK. Dr. Bicak also gave a brief description on the process an academic addition or change needs to follow. Jon Watts discussed some background information on each Regent and a few of the finance agenda items that were on the schedule for the meeting.

The following day, the class met at 6:30am to head to Lincoln. They arrived at the Nebraska Innovation Campus at about 8:45am and were shown to reserved seats. The LUNK group was introduced at the very beginning of the meeting. The group was then able to watch a verbal exchange of information using Roberts Rules of Order. Once all the agenda items were completed, the BOR went into a closed session. At this time, Chancellor Doug Kristensen and Dr. Charlie Bicak spent about an hour with the group, discussing the Roberts Rules of Order process, possible topics of the closed session, how a person becomes a Regent, the Innovation Center and possible activities to do in the afternoon. After a delicious lunch at Valentino's, the class went to the Nebraska Capitol for a tour. The group was able to visit the 14th floor of the Rotunda, which had beautiful views of the Lincoln area. The guided tour of the capitol building included an explanation of the building, construction, symbolism, and the Unicameral government. At the end of the tour, the group was able to go into the East Chamber to visit the beautiful mosaics and sit in the senators' chairs. The drive home included a discussion on Roberts Rules of Order, possible topics for future LUNK meetings and getting to know each other better.



November session >>>

Retreat and Personal Growth

The November Leadership UNK class began in the Wiens room on the third floor or the Cope Stadium. The morning sun shone warmly into the room.

Pat Philippi, from Kinesiology and Sports Sciences led the class through a short yoga session. Pat then invited questions from the class. Then the class members introduced each other from the "Getting to Know You Activity" from October. Something new about each person was gained during this time.

Dr. Susan Jensen, Professor for the Department of Management discussed CliftonStrengths with the class. Each class member had completed the CliftonStrengths assessment prior to the day's class. Dr. Jensen also led the class in an activity in which they learned a little bit about their classmates' strengths.

Chancellor Douglas Kristensen was the next guest. The Chancellor spoke about UNK, the Board of Regents, demolition plans for a few buildings on the UNK campus, admissions and recruitment, and future financial plans for UNK. He entertained questions from the Leadership UNK class that provoked some great conversations. Thank you, Chancellor.

Finally, the group spent some time reviewing the book *You Don't Need A Title To Be A Leader* by Mark Sanborn.

