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Take The Lead

Upcoming Event >>>

We would like to take the opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of those that have presented, led sessions, offered input, etc...for Leadership UNK. This spring has offered new challenges and new opportunities for learning and growth. We have appreciated your flexibility and willingness to work with different ways of connecting with our class members. We look forward to incorporating the old and the new into our future classes.

A special shout out to our Board of Graduates for leading the charge and looking for new topics and experiences for our UNK community.

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 >>> Jael Johnson

Hometown:

Brady/Gothenburg, NE

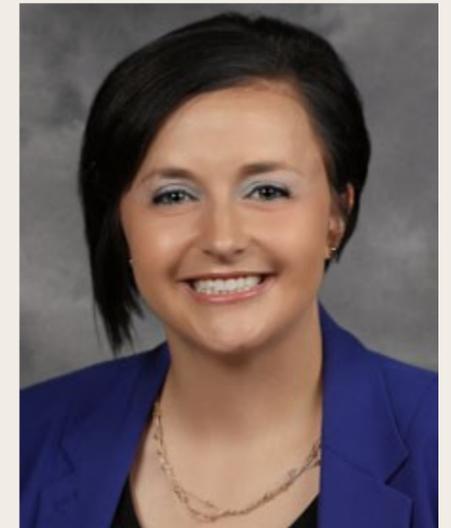
[I grew up on a farm north of Brady & graduated from Gothenburg HS]

Department:

Office of Undergraduate Recruitment & Admissions

Job Title:

Assistant Director, Campus Visit Programs



Job Responsibilities:

In short, I hire/train our Campus Visit Assistants [tour guides], give the welcomes/introductions for all regular Campus Visits and Group Visits, as well as plan recruitment events hosted by the Admissions Office on our campus.

Hobbies:

- * Spending time with friends by going on adventures (big & small)
- * Taking walks
- * Listening to podcasts/audiobooks
- * Taking workout classes
- * Supporting our Lopers by attending events

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

1. Kindness
2. Vulnerability
3. Supportive

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:

I would be a host on a TV show found on the Travel Channel – I’d film an episode traveling in Europe somewhere. Think about it, if it is for a show I wouldn’t have to pay for anything and everyone would be all about making sure I have the best experience possible as this is a form of advertising for them. Another bonus is it would be filmed so I would be able to keep track of the memories being made.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:

I can write backwards, so if you held it up in the mirror you could read it...I don’t know how surprising that is, but it sure is random

final thoughts...

“Start by doing what is necessary, then do what’s possible, and suddenly you’re doing the impossible.”

-St. Francis of Assisi

Teamwork & Negotiating

Led by Brandon Drozd

It was no April Fool's joke, but on the morning of April 1st, the Leadership UNK class joined together from the comfort of their own homes via Zoom to hold their last session for this class. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way things were being done, but the group managed to finish strong with good discussion and participation.

Without the benefit of the previously scheduled speakers and plans, Brandon led the session with information about teamwork and negotiation using YouTube videos and an online teamwork game that demonstrated our drawing abilities. (Kevin Hunt might be a painter for UNK, but he has some definite skills with quick sketches!) The group also finished their discussion our book, *The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership*, and many expressed that they enjoyed the book and saw value in it. Several were able to participate in the webinar that the writers of the book hosted as a way to help people remain 'conscious' and operating 'above the line' in these difficult and uncertain days.

The class ended with guidance from Brandon and Beth about how to write their mission statements and a short activity to encourage and focus their thoughts on their missions and how those impact their leadership styles.

2019-2020 Leadership UNK Graduation

With the closing of the UNK Campus, the official graduation ceremony for the 2019-2020 Leadership UNK class has been postponed. Even so, we would like to recognize the class members who completed the requirements of Leadership UNK and have earned graduate status. Great job Graduates! We are proud of you and honored to count you among the Leadership UNK Alumni.

The official graduation ceremony will be planned for August 5th, in conjunction with the kick-off class for the 2020-2021 Leadership UNK class. Stay tuned for more information.

Congratulations to the 2019 - 2020 Leadership UNK class!

Paula Fuestman - Procurement & Payment Services

Kathy Benne – Industrial Technology

Suzette Eppler – Business Administration

Kayla James – Audit & Advisory Services

Courtney Burbach – Undergraduate Admissions

Kevin Hunt – Facilities Management & Planning

Rena Zimmer – Student Engagement