Familiarize staff and employees with Leadership opportunities at UNK and opportunities in the Kearney area.

**Take The Lead**

Leadership UNK Class #13

Ten staff members were selected for the 2019-2020 Leadership UNK class. Check out the UNK News article that was published and please feel free to reach out to the new members to offer a welcome!

- Kathy Benne - Industrial Technology
- Tyler Ellyson - Communications and Marketing
- Suzette Eppler - Business Administration
- Paula Fuestman - Procurement and Payment Services
- Courtney Hayden - Admissions
- Kevin Hunt - Facilities Management and Planning
- Kayla James - Audit and Advisory Services
- Karen Myers - Calvin T. Ryan Library
- Andrew Winscot - Campus Recreation
- Renae Zimmer - Student Engagement

Leadership Opportunities >>>

**Women’s Leadercast**

October 18, 2019, 8:00 AM—3:30 PM
Central Community College Kearney

This one day event features a live simulcast of 9 women speakers. This year’s theme is *Take Courage*. Speakers include: Priya Parker, Laura Ling, Luvvie Ajayi, Susan Packard, Deshauna Barber, Kate Delaney, Kendra Scott and Glennon Doyle. This is a great opportunity to hear great speakers and network with other leaders. Leadership UNK will be able to offer some scholarships to members and alumni to attend this event, so watch your email for announcements.

Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>>

**Tiffany Tarvestad**

Hometown: Springfield, MO

Department: Thompson Scholar Learning Community

Job Title: Office Associate

**Job Responsibilities:**
I answer the phone and make copies. But seriously, I am a helper, an IT person, a candy person, and a traffic director.

**Hobbies:**
Exercising, running and cycling.

**In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:**
Service, respect, authenticity.

**If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:**
An astronaut. Not just training in the underwater tanks, but actually in outer space on the space station.

**Tell us something that might surprise us about you:**
Most people don’t know that I have completed 2 half iron man competitions; one in Branson, MO and one in Austin, TX. This includes a 1.2 mile swim, a 56 mile bike ride, and a 13.1 mile run, in that order. Once I also did a 10K open water swim (6.21 miles) for the Lincoln State Games.

*Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.*
- John F. Kennedy
Leadership UNK kicked off the 2019-2020 year with a new class of 10 members from various departments across campus. The initial meeting gives new class members an opportunity to meet and get to know each other. The morning began with an introduction of Leadership UNK and the book that the class members will be reading this year, which is *The 15 Commitments of Conscious Leadership: A new Paradigm for Sustainable Success* by Jim Dethmer, Diana Chapman and Kaley Klemp. Class members were also asked to write down their goals for the year. The facilitators led a speed friending activity in which the class members handed out business cards and talked about where they worked and what they did on campus. The second “getting to know you” activity was an M & M Mix and Meet. Members were given M & M candies, with each color indicating a topic of discussion. Don Wellensiek and Amy Rundstrom were guest speakers and were very well received. Mark and Lisa led a teamwork activity that incorporated pictures from all over campus, with members being asked to identify where the pictures were taken. The meeting closed with an introduction of past Leadership UNK members and lunch at the Market on 27th Street in the Union.

The September Leadership UNK class session was over communication and networking. Alyse Pflanz and Brenda Yochum kicked off the day with some great information and group work dealing with best practices and new ways to communicate with students. They talked about trying to use more infographics and that folks forget 80% of what they heard during the day. Travis Hollman then talked about marketing yourself. The group wrote their personal brand statements and learned how to best showcase themselves on social media. The day ended with a speed networking activity which featured ten guests from across campus networking with class members. The class also discussed the first reading assignment and continued in getting to know each other. In closing, the group was given information regarding various other organizations on campus that could provide networking and involvement opportunities.