



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

## Take The Lead *Leadership UNK Class #16*

The thirteen staff members for 2022-2023 Leadership UNK class attended the Board of Regents at UNK, and are pictured with Chancellor Doug Kristensen.



### *Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>>* **Scott Olson**

**Hometown:**  
Minden, NE

**Department:**  
Finance Office

**Job Title:**  
Accounting Manager

**Job Responsibilities:**

I am responsible for preparing the annual audited financial statements. I also help to manage various administrative systems and interfaces such as SAP and Business Intelligence Reporting. I work to develop policies and procedures that provide adequate internal controls. I provide training to departments to assist with their various business procedures.

**Hobbies:**

I enjoy spending time with my family. We enjoy camping, hunting, and golfing.

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

Integrity, listening, trustworthy

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

I would like to be a Park Ranger in Yellowstone National Park. To view the scenery and wildlife daily would be an awesome experience.

**Tell us something that might surprise us about you:**

For Christmas 2017, my wife and I surprised our kids with a trip to Disney World. They did not know about the trip until the day we left for Florida. The look on their faces was priceless!!



### *Final thoughts...*

“Great Leaders find ways to connect with their people and help them fulfill their potential”— Steven J. Stowell



October session >>>

# Board of Regents Meeting

Led by Olivia Whittaker and Stefani Wegner

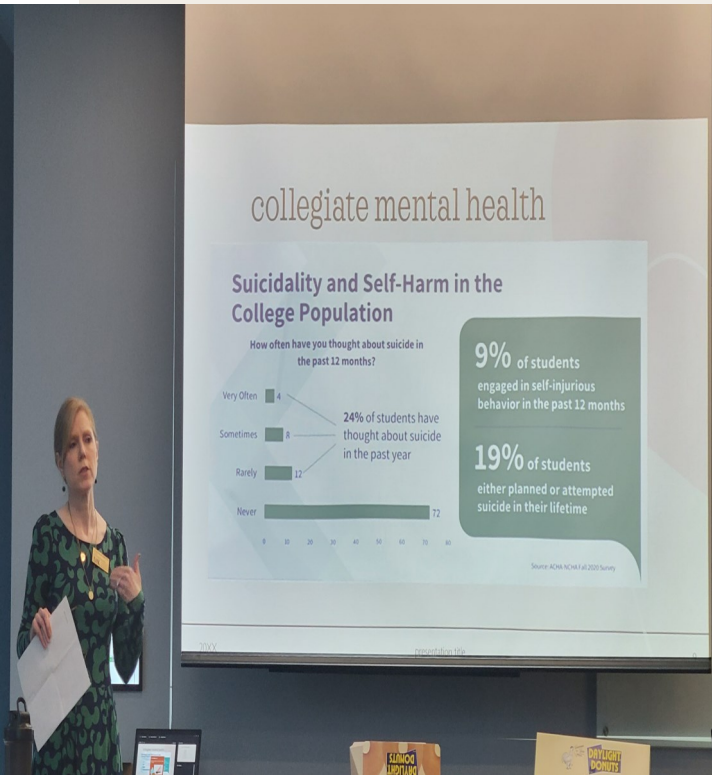
On Friday, September 30, the Leadership UNK Class attended the September Board of Regents meeting. The group didn't have to travel far this year as the meeting was held on UNK's campus in the Ponderosa Room. The last time the Board convened in Kearney was October 2018. Chancellor Kristensen opened the meeting with a presentation on UNK's history and current projects, followed by a presentation from Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Dean Larry Goosen on NCTA updates. Four KUDOS awards were distributed including one to UNK Facilities Management & Planning Office Associate, Steve Grimsley.

Earlier in the week, the class met with Jon Watts, Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance, to learn about the structure of the Board, its role in governing the University of Nebraska, how the Board functions, and about the different Board members. Following the meeting, the class enjoyed lunch in the Cope Stadium Wiens Room overlooking Foster Field.



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November session >>>

# Work/Life Balance & Mental Health

Led by Renee Mitchell & Lynette Fritzen

The November class session focused on the topics of Work-Life Balance and Mental Health and the campus area of the College of Education. Wendy Schardt, Director of UNK Student Health and Counseling, started the morning with a presentation on the importance of work-life balance and how that balance can ebb and flow. She provided the analogy of a seesaw, explaining that some days work will take precedence and some days personal life will need more focus. The goal isn't to remain perfectly in balance, but to ensure that one side is not always overtaking the other.

The group then had a tour of the College of Education led by Dr. Mark Reid, Dean of the College of Education. The tour included recent improvements to the building and a quick look at the Speech Language Pathology lab, courtesy of Dr. Whitney Schneider-Cline, Department Chair of the Communication Disorders Department. Following the tour, the class heard from Dr. David Hof, Department Chair of Counseling, School Psychology, and Family Science Department, and Dr. Doug Tilman, Professor in Counseling, School Psychology, and Family Science Department. The two discussed their methods for maintaining a work-life balance and ensuring their mental health is prioritized.



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# Leadercast-Amplify

Led by Suzette Eppler

On Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the UNK Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance and Leadership UNK presented the broadcast of Leadercast-Amplify. Twenty-four people attended the live stream broadcast in the new technology updated West Center room N205. The room offered multiple screens, vivid sound, and premium seating to view the cast of speakers for this production of motivating speakers.

Leadercast-Amplify was a virtual leadership opportunity in which six speakers discussed how they were able to amplify their true voice to stand out in a noisy world. Each person who presented exemplified passion for their respective pursuits. The overwhelming message was each person is born with a voice that needs to be cultivated to be heard. Many speakers gave questions to ask yourself to identify your voice and to continually move yourself in a direction of discovery through courage. This broadcast was well received by those in attendance. Everyone was motivated by the messages, speakers' inspiration, and the support from administration to offer this type of opportunity for development.



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# Loper Pantry

Led by Matt Albright

In November, the Board of Graduates has decided that we would like to host some events to support the UNK Loper Pantry. We have two events coming up that we would appreciate your help in supporting. For class members, you can sign up and receive community service hours toward graduation. For our Alumni, this is a time where we can get reacquainted with one another. We will have sporting events on November 4<sup>th</sup> (volleyball) and 5<sup>th</sup> (football) where we will have a table to accept donations.

We will also have our collections drive/competition and will gather the donations on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We are pairing up the National Residence Hall Honorary who will be conducting a competition amongst the residence halls at the same time together and will turn them in on November 18<sup>th</sup> with the faculty and staff. We are excited to pair up with as they have Leadership and Service as their Core Values.

