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Take The Lead

Leadership UNK Class #16

Thirteen staff members were selected for the 2022-2023 Leadership UNK class. Check out the [NewsUNK](#) article that was published and please feel free to reach out to the new members to offer a welcome!

- Cam Chau, International Education
- Javier Corpus-Ochoa, Student Diversity and Inclusion
- Bennett Davis, Student Affairs
- Marisa Dixon, Campus Recreation
- Samuel Doubet, Calvin T. Ryan Library
- Tammy Eaton, Student Engagement
- Megan Goeke, College of Business and Technology
- Sharon Johnson, Graduate Studies and Academic Outreach
- Jordan McCoy, Health Promotion
- Deena Schleiger, Learning Commons
- Leah Smillie, International Education
- Tiffany Stoiber, Graduate Studies and Academic Outreach
- Kallie Welch, Student Accounts

Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>> Stacy Darveau



Hometown: Minden, NE

Department: College of Business & Technology

Job Title: Administrative Associate

Job Responsibilities:
I assist the Dean of Business & Technology. I often describe my job as wearing many hats. I am involved in financial services for the college – budgeting, travel and paying bills. I am a human resources coordinator. I organize schedules for my college, my dean, my building, our classes and myself. I am a liaison between the departments & centers in my college and the Dean’s Office. I organize events for my college and work with external stakeholders.

Hobbies: I enjoy walking, reading a good book, spending time with my family and cooking.

In 3 words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:
A good leader is a **servant** leader, should be **trustworthy**, a **good listener**, and should show **humility**.

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I am fascinated by what DNA can tell us and how it could be used in genealogy and tracing family members or criminals. Working as an investigative genetic genealogist would be fun.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
My husband and I participate in the Nebraska Passport and Great Park Pursuit adventure each summer. We’ve traveled roads and visited places we would have never learned about in this great state where we live.

final thoughts...

“Leadership - leadership is about taking responsibility, not making excuses.”
Mitt Romney

August session >>>

Orientation & Retreat

Led by Olivia Whittaker and Stefani Wegner

The August meeting started with the Leadership UNK's largest class of 13 started off the year in the MSAB Sisler Room. Co-Chairs Stefani Wegner and Olivia Whittaker welcomed the group, discussed the class requirements for the year, and handed out this year's book - *The Happiness Advantage* by Shawn Achor.

The group had completed their CliftonStrengths assessments prior to class and then learned more about the process from Dr. Susan Jensen, Professor in UNK's Department of Management. Dr. Jensen discussed the importance of playing to one's strengths instead of focusing on weaknesses. The class was given their top 5 strengths and they discussed how they feel those strengths play a role in their day-to-day lives.

Chancellor Douglas Kristensen then spoke to the class about the history of UNK, his role at the university, the role of the Board of Regents, and ongoing projects on campus. Most class participants haven't been at UNK for more than 2 years, so they were able to get a big picture idea of how UNK and the University of Nebraska system operate.

After the presentations, the class headed to the Graze in the Nebraskan Student Union to enjoy lunch with Leadership UNK alumni.



September session >>>



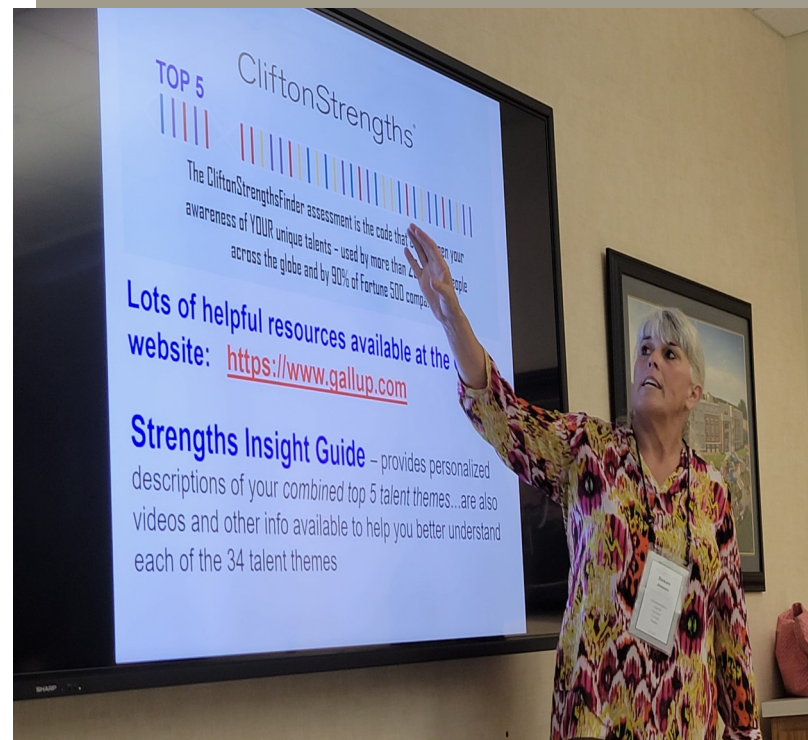
Conflict Resolution & Listening

Led by Kristie Artz and Bethany Johnson

The September class topic was focused on Conflict Resolution and Listening. Kristie Artz and Bethany Johnson facilitated the session and started off with a game of telephone that instead of spoken words relied on the class members drawing a word and then deciphering their neighbor's drawing.

The class then listened to a panel discussion on Conflict Resolution and Listening with Bennett Davis, Jr., Assistant Dean of Student Affairs; Jim Davis, Director of Police and Parking Services; and Chelsea Swarm, Assistant Director of Human Resources. The panel discussed ways to work through conflict with colleagues, supervisors, or between students and how to ensure that conflicts do not escalate.

After an activity on the whole brain model, the group then headed to the Warner Hall Conference Room to learn more about the Division of Academic Affairs from Dr. Peter Longo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Dr. Longo shared what has changed at UNK in his 34 years and the challenges he believes we are currently facing as an institution.



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Habitat For Humanity

On Saturday July 23rd, 2022 the Leadership UNK Board of Graduates members provided the lunch for the Habitat for Humanity building volunteers. The Board of Graduates provided a filling and nutritious lunch of BBQ sandwiches with fresh fruit, pasta salad, assorted chips along with delicious dessert brownies and cookie bars. Karen Myers, Matt Allbright, and Suzette Eppler were on hand to serve this meal to the 24 volunteers of Habitat for Humanity. The day was warm and sunny for the Habitat volunteers to build two homes for individuals that were approved by the Habitat committee. One home was in the process of receiving interior walls and door frames, while the other home was proceeding with outside framing to prepare for the instillation of rafters the following week. The LUNK Board of Graduates is honored to be a part supporting this worthy organization.



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