

LEADERSHIP LINK

Chapter 517 of the National Management Association
City of Lincoln/Lancaster County



Thank you to all the 2019 speakers!

We are so grateful to have had such amazing leaders and speakers come to Leadership Link - Lincoln. They have helped us continue to grow our leadership skills and challenged us with new ideas.



Stuart Chittenden
January 2019
"The Art of Conversation"



Kathleen Brandert, MPH CHES
July 2019
"Dedicated to helping people find and use their greatest gifts and talents"



Derek Effle/Dan Moeller
February 2019
"Overcoming the Stress and Success Barrier"



Leah Georges
August 2019
"Navigating the Multigenerational Workplace"



Josh Berry
March 2019
"Organizational Adaptability"



Chief Jeff Bliemeister
September 2019
"Make an impact through collaboration and minimal duplication"



Ed Zimmer
April 2019
"Lincoln History Bus Tour"



Steph Vanous
October 2019
"Emotional Intelligence"



John Harris
May 2019
"Leading Positive Change"



Candace Bloomquist
November 2019
"Culture of Trust"



Judge John Gerrard
June 2019
Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony



Jennifer Brinkman
December 2019
"Achieving Political Savvy"

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Updates:

Changes to the website
will be coming in 2020!

Watch for us on social
media in 2020!



First Speaker of 2020!



Owning Your Leadership Identity. **Learn how to be the leader you aspire to be!**

Dr. Helen Fagan is a leadership, diversity, and inclusion scholar and consultant. She is the CEO and founder of Global Leadership Group, an assistant professor of practice in Leadership Engagement at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Director of Leadership Engagement at Rural Futures Institute and a qualified executive coach.

Dr. Helen Fagan will be discussing the framework of inclusive leadership, how to apply your values and strengths to create the leadership legacy that you want, and will show us how to create an individual development plan to take the next steps to being the leader you want to be!

Learn more about Dr. Helen Fagan on her website!

Watch Dr. Helen Fagan on TEDxLincoln!

President's Message



Welcome 2020

New year, New decade and New Possibilities.

What a great time to set goals and think about the future! Your Leadership Link Board met in December to plan for 2020 and has committed to several goals, most importantly, we will be Owning Our Leadership Identities this year and we invite members to join us. What do you value?

Prioritize? What gives you energy? Have you created an individual development plan for yourself as a leader? Do you have a mentor?

Jumpstart owning your leadership identity in 2020 by taking advantage of our first featured speaker, director of Leadership Engagement at UNL, Dr. Helen Fagan, who will help us understand inclusive leadership, help us apply our values and strengths, and create our own development plan.

Leadership Link has been a springboard for me personally and has caused me to think about what I value and prioritize. Moving forward I will use Leadership Link to help me apply knowledge in each of the eight core leadership competency areas day-to-day. I am excited to intentionally live out my values: engagement, inclusivity, growth, accountability and developing others, while working on building my leadership benchmark strength 2020. Will you join me?

Join Us!

January 23, 2020
11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Woods Park Place
3131 O Street
Lower Level Training Rooms
Lunch: \$5 and \$10 for non-members

Do you have a speaker recommendation for Leadership Link? Let Dan King know!

DNKing@lincoln.ne.gov

President's Recommendations:

Thinking, Fast and Slow
By: Daniel Kahneman

Book referenced by a 2019 Leadership Link Presenter. Excellent insight on the brain, our frameworks for thinking, and why we think the things we do.

Crucial Conversations
By: Kerry Patterson, Joseph Grenny, Ron McMillan and Al Switzler

Recommended by an attendee of the Great Plains Leadership Institute. Only a few chapters in, I was able to successfully apply it at work to improve the outcome of a crucial conversation.

Awards available for 2020!

Manager of the Year

Communications skills, accessibility, relationships with fellow employees and subordinates, management skills, training and special accomplishments should all be considered in nominating the Manager of the Year. [Nominations can be made for any City/County employee!](#)

[Click here to nominate a Manager of the Year!](#)

Kathy Smith Pinnacle Award

This award was created in memory of Kathy Smith, a dedicated Assistant Purchasing Agent in the Purchasing Division of the City Finance Department. Kathy took great pride in her position and the job that she did. She was a member of the Leadership Link Steering Committee and a Charter member of our organization. She was a positive, inspiring, kind person, attentive to the needs of others, and a very directed and focused individual. She had positive attitude and always inspired others. After her diagnosis of cancer, she continued her work with the Purchasing Department and her involvement in Leadership Link. Sadly, Kathy lost her battle with cancer, but she left us with the memory of her dedication to her job and to the City of Lincoln, and most importantly, her desire to treat everyone with kindness and respect. Candidates are chosen for recognition based on how they exemplify the qualities Kathy Smith modeled. [Nominations can be made for any City/County employee!](#)

[Click here to nominate a candidate for the Kathy Smith Pinnacle Award!](#)

Teamwork Award

Do you know a team of three or more employees who have demonstrated a willingness to work together, communicate well to gain efficiency and ideas, assist each other to achieve goals, exceeds expectation in timeliness and professionalism when working towards a goal? [Nominations can be made for any City/County employees!](#)

[Click here to nominate a team for the Teamwork Award!](#)

Customer Service Award

This nominee should exhibit not only excellent customer service, but also be someone who is happy to go above and beyond and regularly achieve customer delight. [Nominations can be made for any City/County employee!](#)

[Click here to nominate a candidate for the Customer Service Award!](#)

Leadership Competency Growth Award

The Leadership Competency Growth Award recognizes Leadership Link members for taking ownership of their leadership growth. If you have been intentionally applying new competencies in your professional life, or know someone who has, please share these successes with us! [Open to Leadership Link Members only!](#)

[Click here to nominate a candidate for the Leadership Competency Growth Award!](#)

The winner of the Leadership Competency Growth Award will receive 3 hours of executive coaching with Katie Brandert!!

“Don’t wait, the time will never be just right .”
-Napoleon Hill

Community Service

Between July and November 2019, Leadership Link Members completed 735 hours community service at 27 different agencies! Many of you provide outstanding services to community agencies on a regular basis, please make sure to report those monthly to Angela Chestnut. Contact her at achestnut@lincoln.ne.gov.

Membership

Welcome to all the new members of Leadership Link - Lincoln in December and January!!

Willa DiCostanzo
Sophia Imms
Elizabeth Elliott
Tiffany Leasure

Jessica Kerkhofs
Robert Watton
Kevin Cass
Adelle Burk

Board Members

Top Row Left to Right:

Chair - Christina Hinz
Past President - Jesse Davy
Publications Committee-Website - Deborah Byrne
Membership (Chair-Elect July 1) - Ann Ames
Publications Committee-Newsletter - Sadie Jensen
Secretary - Barbara Hansen
Publications Committee-Social Media - Kayla Matulka
Membership - Mike Comstock

Bottom Row Left to Right:

Professional Development - Dan King
Chair-Elect - Nicole Engelbart
Awards/Program Committee - Cassandra LeBlanc

Board Members Not Shown:

Executive Board Member Liaison- Pat Borer
Treasurer- Ben Higgins
Community Service - Angela Chestnut

Executive Advisors

Chad Blahak
Doug McDaniel
Linda Zabel
Pam Dingman
Pat Leach
Patrick Borer
Scott E. Holmes



Membership Stats:

Number of Active Members:
114

[Click here for the application to become a member of Leadership Link!](#)

CEU, Learning and Networking Opportunity

The 2020 Civil Rights Conference
is proud to announce keynote speaker

Wesley Hamilton

"The definition of inspiration, Wesley shares his incredible story of how he's living his best life after becoming paralyzed. An award-winning athlete, entrepreneur, influencer, and awesome father – Wes's story will not only inspire you, but will change your perspective on life and how everyone can find their passion."

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Nebraska Innovation Campus
Lincoln, Nebraska
Visit lincoln.ne.gov (keyword crc2020)
or call 402-441-7624 for details.



Registration fees have not been finalized, but City and County employees will be offered a significant discount!

NMA/Leadership Link CEU's will be offered, and continuing education credits will also be offered to attorneys, planners, social workers, real estate and HR professionals this year!

Watch for more updates or click [HERE](#) to check their website!