



Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change

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“Everyone wants to feel that he counts for something and is important to someone. Invariably, people will give their love, respect, and attention to the person who fills that need.”

John C. Maxwell, Leadership 101

Empowerment

Real leadership is being the person others will gladly and confidently follow

Annual Conference

The CEPA Leadership Consortium is hosting its annual conference October 17-19, 2013. The theme is *Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change*. The conference site is the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Delegates attending the conference will be from academia, business, the military, as well as government, political and civic leaders. A large number of doctoral students will be in attendance.

The flagship universities co-hosting this year's event are A&M University – San Antonio, Our Lady of the Lake University and A&M University – Commerce. Educators and scholars from the University of the Incarnate Word and A&M University – Texarkana are also contributing. We applaud their commitment to the overall education of our future leaders. In order to flourish as individuals as well as a collective, we must foster the uniqueness and interests of every person while providing them with a broad, universal education. We will need strong, ethical, informed leaders who are willing and prepared to address future goals as well as future challenges.



Featured Speaker



Dr. Mary Landon Darden is the Dean, San Antonio Center, Concordia University Texas and is the author of the best-seller *Beyond 2020: Envisioning the Future of Universities in*

America. Co-published with the American Council on Education (ACE) and Rowman & Littlefield Publishers the book provides the most detailed roadmap yet to the perils and promise of the Information Age – as it directly applies to academia. It projects into the future and paints a picture – of the future university. It is a must-read book for thinkers and scholars.



Beyond 2020 provides guidance for university leaders working to address challenges and seize the opportunities that will position their institutions for success in the 21st century ~ Dr. Lou Anna K. Simon, President, Michigan State University

Change is necessary and those who value our country's future should make (*Beyond 2020*) must reading ~ Dr. Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, California State University

Beyond 2020 is a must-read for those who have an interest in education ~ Bernard Rapoport, Former Chair of the University of Texas System Board of Regents

Focusing on a strong, clear vision



The conference is an opportunity to promote visionary thinkers, scholarly activity, community involvement and leadership.

Aspiring leaders will learn to be visionary, become risk-takers, and break away from old paradigms to make positive changes. We strive to: 1) encourage, mentor and support new and upcoming leaders in diverse fields of interest, 2) improve leadership through collaboration, and 3) maintain a focus on humanistic values and ethical practices. We are interested in developing independent, innovative and creative thinkers!

Mentoring and investing in young people

One of the most important principles embraced at this conference is mentoring and investing the time needed in developing new leadership. Students will have the opportunity to collaborate with senior professionals from universities, business and industry, as well as civic and political leaders. The students will become better informed about other visions of leadership and will have the opportunity to practice leadership.



The conference is designed to mentor future leaders in conjunction with their formal academic

programs. By becoming a mentor, you become someone who empowers others. You enable others to reach the highest levels in their personal and professional development. Simply defined, empowering is giving your influence to others for the purpose of personal and organizational growth. It's sharing yourself—your influence, position, power, and opportunities—with others for the

purpose of investing in their lives so that they can function at their best. It's seeing someone's potential, sharing your resources with them, and showing them that you believe in them completely.

Program draws entrepreneurial leadership

In sports, to be the best of the best, one needs to practice under various conditions and with different opponents. Multiple conditions are key to winning. The same is true with leadership. Hence, this year's conference includes a variety of leadership opportunities among a diverse group of professionals. Academic, civic and military leadership highlight this conference. This gathering, unlike any other, has integrated a Military, Veterans & Families Educational Summit as a joint initiative with our military communities. This special session emphasizes innovation and entrepreneurial leadership for making the transition from military service to civilian careers.

Championing success

Join us for an empowering weekend. The



conference recognizes dreamers and visionaries, their pursuit of goals, and a desire to grow and excel.

Your registration fee includes the Thursday evening reception, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, Friday's special dinner session and access to all speakers and breakout sessions. This event provides a premier opportunity for networking and high-powered professional development.

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