

CEPA Consortium Leadership Conference
October 22-24, 2015
Innovation through Leadership

ABOUT CEPA

Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA), a Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation, is an innovative approach for developing future leaders. During the past decade CEPA has hosted leadership conferences nationally and internationally. The next CEPA Consortium Conference will be held October 22-24, 2015, at the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. The theme is *Innovation through Leadership*.

CEPA conferences are intended to provide aspiring leaders with a comprehensive experience including the opportunity to make scholarly presentations, as well as network with established educators and professionals from many disciplines. It provides a forum for leaders to learn to be visionary, become risk-takers, and break away from old paradigms to make positive changes. Through CEPA, qualities and skills are gained for a strong foundation of leadership: relentless drive to improve leadership, a deep sense of integrity and inner strength, and the ability to initiate a dynamic interchange of ideas with others dedicated to a common mission and philosophy. Hence, aspiring leaders have an opportunity to enhance their professional development by actually practicing leadership.

Concomitantly, CEPA is designed to mentor future leaders in conjunction with their formal academic program. Therefore, CEPA encourages colleges and universities to be at the forefront in dealing with the challenges of the 21st century. One of the most important principles embraced by CEPA is investing the time needed in developing new leadership. This cannot be done fleetingly, but must be a conscientious effort. We must all make a full-time commitment to the intellectual development of our future leaders, and we as leaders must also concentrate on vision, risk and change.

CONFERENCE GOALS & OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage, mentor and support new and upcoming leaders in diverse fields of interest,
2. To improve leadership through collaboration,
3. To maintain a focus on humanistic values and ethical practices, and
4. To develop independent, innovative and creative thinkers.

CEPA FACTS:

1. The CEPA Consortium was formed in 2012. Members include Our Lady of the Lake University and Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
2. Major universities and other entities represented at the CEPA conferences (2011-2014) now number over 40. The delegates represent top-level universities throughout Texas and the country. They include Texas A&M University at College Station, to UT-Dallas and West Texas A&M University, as well as Pepperdine University on the west coast, to delegates from Washington DC, and the University of Puerto Rico.
3. CEPA enjoys tax exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c) (3) - Tax ID #: 33-0854333. CEPA depends upon conference registration fees, donations and volunteer leadership.

ENDORSEMENTS:

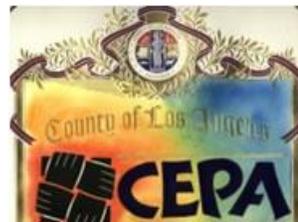
Thanks for the opportunity to present our work on service learning in San Antonio. ...we had a great experience, and look forward to next year. We believe the CEPA conference will be one that can grow and we plan to visit with faculty and doctoral students to get them involved. Dr. Cindy Boettcher and Dr. Janet Hammer, Texas A&M University at College Station.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the School of Business and Leadership, I am pleased to offer this \$1,000.00 donation to the furtherance of the CEPA mission! Dr. Robert Bisking, Dean, Our Lady of the Lake University, October 18-20, 2012.

I want to thank you again for the wonderful conference on Visionary Leadership: An Ethical and Innovative Approach to Empowerment that you organized in Corpus Christi earlier this month. It was a truly outstanding event and I really appreciated the opportunity to attend, to meet all of the very talented people in attendance and also to have the privilege of addressing this group as a Keynote Speaker. Everyone I talked to was very impressed with the timeliness of the topics and the mentoring approaches that permeated the conference, thanks to your leadership. So, thank you again so much for putting this all together. Extremely well done! CONGRATULATIONS!! Dr. Larry Lemanski, Texas A&M University - Commerce, October 18-20, 2012.

The inspiring and intellectually stimulating conference has ended. I was very impressed with your innovative program of powerful young future leaders. It was a trail-blazing experience (to use the Texas vernacular). Dr. J. Fischer, Texas. 2002

As always I feel so fortunate to have been a part of your work. Dr. Rodriguez, you are an inspiration and a focal point for positive humanist change that is so needed right now. You must continue to expand, the world is waiting...Elizabeth Kuder, California, 2002.



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