



The Millennial Generation: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders

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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 Consortium is hosting its annual leadership conference October 9-11, 2014. The theme is *The Millennial Generation: Developing Tomorrow's Leaders*. The conference site is the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.

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"Necessity is the mother of invention and we are in the age of great necessity ...," states Thomas Friedman in his book entitled That Used To Be Us. At many top-level, tier one universities, the direction has moved to recruit, coach and inspire a new generation of leaders so that they will not only do today's important work but also invent tomorrow's. Friedman goes on to say that "critical thinking alone just doesn't buy what it used to buy. Critical thinking has become the basic price of admission." Therefore, as colleges and universities know, if they want to succeed they must seek faculty and students with the ability to innovate. Friedman believes, with change coming as fast as it is, that is the only thing that will save them.

Innovators — Here they come



Andrew Hurie is a doctoral student in the Bilingual/Bicultural Education program at the University of Texas at Austin. A former classroom teacher and school administrator, he holds Master's degrees in teaching (Rockford

College) and educational leadership (Cardinal Stritch University). In 2007, he was named "Teacher of the Year" at La Causa Charter School in Milwaukee, WI, where he helped found the school's urban agriculture and aquaponics program. He was selected to participate in Fulbright Japan's Japan-U.S. Teacher Exchange Program for Education for Sustainable Development in 2012, and again as an alumni resource specialist for the program in 2014.

The title of his presentation at CEPA 2014 is "*From Our Ground Up: The Role of Place in Nurturing Global Leaders*." He will share his ideas on leadership for reforming curriculum and assessment with the influence of globalization and the need to remain educationally competitive in the knowledge-driven world economy.



Matari Jones-Gunter is a media professional and doctoral candidate in the School of Business and Leadership Studies at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas. Matari's dissertation focuses on authentic

leadership and job satisfaction with a special emphasis on women in leadership. She will serve as hostess for CEPA 2014.

Previously, Matari was the College Director of Community and Public Relations at St. Philip's College. Prior to that position, Matari worked as a News Reporter for News 4 WOAI-TV, San Antonio's NBC affiliate. She made the remarkable transition from radio to television in March of 2003. Formerly, Matari worked as a News Reporter/Anchor for News Radio 1200 WOAI-AM, where she covered the criminal courts and hosted a popular WOAI feature segment titled "Straight From The Street," where she checked the pulse of the community every morning regarding timely events.

In addition to working for News 4 WOAI-TV and Newsradio 1200 WOAI-AM, Matari served as Public Affairs Director for KSJL 92.5 FM and 810 AM. At that station, she hosted the weekend public affairs program titled "KSJL's Community Focus." Matari has reported live from Texas Death Row during the Karla Faye Tucker execution, and before joining News Radio 1200 WOAI-AM in 1998 she worked at KTSA-550 AM and KTRH-740AM in Houston.

Matari graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.A. in Journalism in 1993. In December 2011 she earned a Master of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Our Lady of the Lake University. She is married and has two young sons.



Ronald E. McNair and Business Scholar's Programs: McNair scholars, selected from Our Lady of the Lake University and Texas A&M University-San

Antonio are invited to attend a Pre-Conference, Undergraduate Leadership Forum. Honor students from the School of Business at the University of the Incarnate Word and from the Business Scholar's Program from the University of Texas at San Antonio have also been invited. This session begins Thursday afternoon, October 9th, with a welcome lunch at 12 noon.

The McNair Scholars Program is a federal TRIO program funded at 200 institutions across the United States and Puerto Rico by the U.S. Department of Education. It is designed to prepare undergraduate students for doctoral studies through involvement in research and other scholarly activities. McNair participants are either first-generation college students with financial need, or members of a group that is traditionally underrepresented in graduate education. The Business Scholars Program is also a mentoring program for first-generation college students at UTSA. All of these students have demonstrated strong academic potential.

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. This event provides a premier opportunity for networking and high-powered professional development.

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