



**Leadership: Growing the next generation of global partners**

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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

**Leadership**

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

**Annual Conference**

The CEPA Consortium is hosting its annual leadership conference October 27-28, 2016. The theme is *Leadership: Growing the next generation of global partners*. The conference site is the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.



The **University of Puerto Rico (UPR)** is the main public university and a government-owned corporation of Puerto Rico. It consists of 11 campuses and has approximately 58,000 students and 5,300 faculty members. UPR has the largest and most diverse academic offerings in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, with 472 academic programs, of which 32 lead to a Doctorate.

**Caribbean Educators and Scholars**

**Dr. Nelson Arnaldo Vera Hernandez**



Dr. Hernandez, Chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico Aguadilla Campus, will be attending CEPA 2016, representing la Universidad de Puerto Rico. A highly recognized scholar throughout Latin America

and the Caribbean, he will share his leadership experiences, which resulted in a dramatic increase in student enrollment.

**Dr. Herminia Alemany Valdez**



Dr. Valdez, a passionate intellectual, will address how to help organizations seize their full potential. Along with Dr. Hernandez, she brings the perfect balance of an energizing performance blended with real-world experience and credibility. These leaders

not only inspire, but move their students to action by involving them in the learning process and taking vision to implementation.

## University of Puerto Rico Aguadilla Campus

Today, the results of the leadership style at the Aguadilla Campus are evident. Student retention, satisfaction and graduation rates increased significantly. The evolution of new Bachelor's degrees with innovative minors and the establishment of unique programs have created much enthusiasm in the campus community. The campus image has been enhanced with improved maintenance of facilities and the development of common spaces.

Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Valdez stated,

This was the product of teamwork. The real architects of this successful production were the deans committed to the University of Puerto Rico in Aguadilla. Everyone in this team of professionals kept the ship moving with dignity and justice.

## Collaborate and Connect

### Dr. Diane E. Melby, President, OLLU



Dr. Melby, President of Our Lady of the Lake University, will deliver the welcome remarks at CEPA 2016.

She will also encourage all delegates to connect with thinkers from other campuses represented at the conference. The

conference theme, *Leadership: Growing the next generation of global partners*, also encourages us to reach out to colleagues and friends from Puerto Rico.

Dr. Hernandez can be reached at [nelson.vera1@upr.edu](mailto:nelson.vera1@upr.edu), Dr. Valdez at [herminia.alemany@upr.edu](mailto:herminia.alemany@upr.edu). Make the most

out the time to connect, collaborate and innovate for growth while UPR's ambassadors are in San Antonio.

Top-level universities providing leadership at CEPA conferences include:

Indiana State University  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
New Mexico State University  
Pepperdine University  
Prairie View A&M University  
Sam Houston State University  
St. Mary's University  
Texas Christian University  
Texas A&M International University  
Texas A&M University at College Station  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Texas A&M University-San Antonio  
Texas A&M University-Texarkana  
Texas Tech University  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
University of the Incarnate Word  
University of New Hampshire  
Universidad de Puerto Rico Recinto de Aguadilla

### Dr. Michael J. Laney, Dean, OLLU



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#### Benefits of attending CEPA 2016

- National and International Exposure
- Positive Recognition and Publicity

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