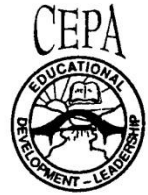


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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the CEPA Leadership Consortium Conference. This year's theme "Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change" addresses the question of what specifically needs to be done to improve the quality of leadership.

There is consensus among educators and others that the design and structure of education must change fundamentally if we are to compete successfully in today's rapidly changing global community. Innovation, futuristic thinking and collaboration are needed to prepare leaders to meet the international challenges of tomorrow. This conference provides an opportunity for leaders to learn to be visionary, become risk-takers, and break away from traditional paradigms to implement and sustain positive reform and change. The conference goals are: 1) to encourage, mentor and support new and upcoming leaders in diverse fields of interest, 2) to improve leadership through collaboration, and 3) to maintain a focus on humanistic values and ethical practices. At this conference we are also interested in developing independent, innovative and creative thinkers.

The flagship universities co-hosting this year's event are Texas A&M University – Commerce, Texas A&M University – San Antonio, and Our Lady of the Lake University. We applaud their commitment to the overall education of our future leaders. All institutions represented at the conference are to be commended and are invited to join us in our efforts by becoming members of the CEPA Leadership Consortium.

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. Conferences like ours that deal with strategies and policies for the 21st century have never been more important!

Cordially,

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