**Take The Lead**

**Leadership UNK Graduation**

You are cordially invited to the Leadership UNK Graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 10am in the Ponderosa Room, Nebraskan Student Union.

The current class includes:

- **Cacia Barnes** - Admissions Counselor (Admissions)
- **Meredith DeHaven** - Office Associate (Facilities Management & Planning)
- **Carlina Grove** - Residence Hall Coordinator (Residence Life)
- **Christine Kolar** - TRIO Disability Advisor (Student Support Services)
- **Lisa Mendoza** - Administrative Associate (Student Affairs)
- **Ross Pierce** - Senior Financial Accountant (Finance Office)
- **David Roberts** - Assistant Dean (Student Affairs)
- **Laura Tadlock** - Administrative Specialist (Student Records)
- **Jolene Williams** - Office Associate (Admissions)
- **Chuanyao Zheng** - Assistant Director (Thompson Scholars)

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**Leadership UNK Alumni Spotlight >>>
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**Hometown:**
North Platte, NE

**Department:**
First Year Program

**Job Title:**
Assistant Director

**Job Responsibilities:**
Provide support and programming to all first year students to help them transition to college life at UNK. Organize, plan and implement New Student Enrollment & Blue Gold Welcome as well as other programs like the Loper2Loper staff to student mentor program and our FIRST Adventure summer camp. My office also serves as first year students number one resource and place to come to when they need support in their first year.

**Hobbies:**
Directing or participating in productions at the Kearney Community Theatre, Singing in the St. Luke’s Episcopal Worship band, playing with my 2, almost 3 year old, and when it’s sunny and I am not pregnant, sitting out on my front porch with a nice glass of wine enjoying the view of Harmon Park.

In three words, describe what true leadership looks like to you:
I can’t do three words, but here is a sentence: Leadership is someone taking a stand for something they believe in—and then using that platform to better others.

If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be and why:
I would be a picker for a mid-century modern antique store. I LOVE furniture and fashion from the 60’s and think it would be a blast to one day own my own vintage store.

Tell us something that might surprise us about you:
My go to is always, I majored and graduated from UNK with a degree in Musical Theatre Performance. After college, I was the first manager of the North Platte Community Playhouse and I lived in Chicago for a brief time to try the performing life. Theatre is a very important piece of my life 😊.

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**final thoughts...**

I have a dream... - Martin Luther King Jr.
The February Leadership UNK session was focused on work/life balance. The group gave problem-solution speeches and were given valuable feedback on their public speaking by Ben Myers from the Communication department. We were also joined by Brad Green, Mannie Reinsch, Toni Hill, and JoAnna Cordova who spoke to us about how they balance work and their personal lives. We ended the day with a yoga session that was led by Marsha Yeagley. It was a full and well-rounded day for the group!

Also, the Leadership UNK class hosted the Friday Afternoon Club at the Alumni House. It was a full house with great food and even better conversations! The group brought in $40 of free-will donations which they have decided to give to the Big Blue Cupboard on campus!

Leadership UNK dove into the realms of Emotional Intelligence and Creativity for the month of March. The group wrapped up discussion on the book Start With Why by Simon Sinek. We then participated in an activity about Emotional Intelligence, guided by Lisa Tschauner. Class members, along with faculty and staff volunteers, were asked to go out of their comfort zones and think about various memories while maintaining eye contact with someone they just met. The class also used time during this session to begin planning for the 2018-2019 Leadership sessions. A panel of faculty and staff provided insight into Creativity and Emotional Intelligence and how both are valuable tools in the workplace. Panel members included Krista Fritson, David Hof, Laura Moody and Patrick Hargon. The session concluded with Susan Jensen’s presentation on Creative Leadership, which provided many ideas on how to unleash the creativity that lies inside each of us.

Thank you to those that joined us for the exploration of the FISH! series and we hope you were able to catch some energy and go back to your office and release your potential!

If you attended the series and haven’t completed the survey yet, please follow the link below. The data we collect will help to determine what kinds of leadership opportunities we should be providing to our campus.

https://unk.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cTLHWCvgF7tlzaB

The sessions were as follows...
February 9 – It Starts with Me
February 16 – Be There
February 23 – Play
March 2 – Make Their Day
March 9 – Choose Your Attitude
March 16 – Who Are You Being?