



## Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change

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John C. Maxwell, *Leadership 101*

### Empowerment

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

### Annual Conference

Universities joining Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA) for 2013 are Texas A&M University – San Antonio and Our Lady of the Lake University. These campuses, along with A&M University–Commerce, will be co-hosting this year's annual conference scheduled for October 17-19, 2013. The site is the El Tropicano Riverwalk Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. The theme is *Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change*. A Memorandum of Understanding between these campuses and CEPA forms the CEPA Leadership Consortium and establishes a historic link between major institutions of higher learning and a Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation.

The view from the helm is challenging and interesting as the delegates come together to discuss Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk and Change!

### Futuristic leadership

John C. Maxwell, author of Leadership 101, states that "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." Other scholars have described this concept as transformational leadership. Transformational leadership is a process in which "leaders and followers help each other to advance to a higher level of morale and motivation." President Maria Hernandez Ferrier is the inaugural president and is highly regarded as an energetic and dynamic leader; she has been described by City and Texas A&M University System officials as the driving force behind Texas A&M University-San Antonio's fast-paced growth.



Another futuristic-thinking leader is Sister Jane Ann Slater at Our Lady of the Lake University. "I am pleased that Sister Jane Ann has accepted the important charge to lead the University during this transitional period," said Roy Terracina, chairman of the OLLU Board of Trustees. "Her membership in our sponsoring order and long history with the University will allow a seamless transition and make it possible for the University to move forward rapidly with its Strategic Plan and other short- and long-term goals."



Texas A&M University - Commerce, under the leadership of President Dan Jones, was the first university to join the CEPA Leadership Consortium. Dr. Jones believes

in the power of education to transform lives and shape futures, and has dedicated his career to expanding opportunity for all students. He is a visionary leader known for community building!

The participation of top educators like Dr. Ferrier, Sister Slater and Dr. Jones, is extremely important. The overarching traits describing all these university leaders are their support of mentoring and providing inspiration for all students. The CEPA Leadership Consortium serves as a model for a truly global approach for educating and preparing our next generation of leaders.

CEPA provides an opportunity for emerging leaders to learn to be visionary, become risk-takers, and break away from old paradigms to make positive changes. Participants are mentored in the design and development of their vision for bringing about change. They are coached to measure themselves by the vision of the future. They are inspired to become their own leaders--not simply to follow, but to ask questions, and lead lives of integrity.



## Call for papers

Thinkers may submit papers that are both conceptual and empirically-based research papers, abstracts, student papers, case studies and work-in-progress reports. The

conference will provide opportunities for collaboration between professionals, researchers, practitioners, and graduate students from multiple disciplines. This is a premier opportunity for aspiring leaders to be involved and to share ideas on what specifically needs to be done to improve the quality of leadership. Conferences such as this which deal with strategies and policies for the 21st century have never been more important!

## Championing success

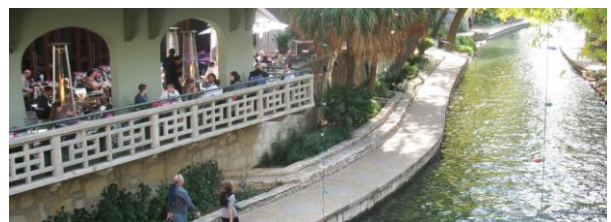
Join us for an empowering weekend. The conference recognizes dreamers and visionaries, their pursuit of goals, and a desire to grow and excel.



The registration fee includes the Thursday evening reception, breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday, Friday's special dinner session and access to all speakers and breakout sessions. This event provides a premier opportunity for networking and high-powered professional development.

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*See you in San Antonio!*