



Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change

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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

CEPA 2013 Conference

CEPA provides an opportunity for leaders to learn to be visionary, become risk-takers, and break away from old paradigms to make positive changes. Through CEPA, qualities and skills are gained for a strong foundation of leadership: relentless drive to improve education, a deep-sense of integrity and inner strength, and the ability to initiate a dynamic interchange of ideas with others dedicated to a common mission and philosophy.

Emerging leaders



Dr. Rodolfo Acosta-Pérez recently earned his Doctorate in Economic Development from New Mexico State University. He also earned an MBA from NMSU. His Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering is from the Instituto Tecnológico de Chihuahua, Mexico. Dr. Perez-Acosta's doctoral dissertation topic was "*Conspicuous consumption and drug trafficking: The Mexican case.*" He will present this issue of global concern at CEPA 2013 and will discuss his vision for

confronting it. The production and distribution of drugs within the Mexican territory, its social and economic consequences in Mexico, and its effect on the United States and the Western hemisphere in general will be discussed.

All over the Americas there is a call to meet educational and public safety needs and promote greater community unity. By exploring these critical social issues the conference delegates will gain a better understanding of the intersection of foreign policy and domestic interest. Future leaders will become familiar with the leadership challenges ahead. They will understand why we all have to work together. We have witnessed the collective failure of every entity in society and this must change if we are to deal with critical social issues — youth violence, drug trafficking and poverty — which undermine and thwart the promotion of democracy, trade, business, military and foreign relations among our countries.



Dr. Hughie Barnes completed her doctorate at Pepperdine University, Spring, 2013. She presented her ideas on "Rebuilding leadership trust" at the CEPA conference in 2011, Corpus Christi, Texas.

In the United States culture, especially within the past 10 years, a propensity for fraud and dishonesty has emerged, according to Dr. Barnes. The discovery of fraud and moral lapses committed by political and business leaders, as well as high-profile athletes, has caused a breach in trust. Broken trust is synonymous with fraud when a leader purposely engages in deceit. Though not confined to US leaders, many Americans are nonetheless disappointed to learn that honesty is no longer being modeled in their culture. Post-modern leaders are not as sensitive to being trustworthy; nor do these same people expect others to be trustworthy according to Dr. Barnes. Hence, her study examined the deceit, fraud, and resultant desolation that occurred when prominent leaders betrayed the trust of their followers.

Young thinkers like Barnes are currently re-inventing a new way of doing business. Inherent and vital in the process, however, is the inclusion of trust and establishing collaborative partnerships with an interdisciplinary group of leaders in order for the empowerment process to be effective — a concept CEPA underscores.



Margaret Alarilla is a doctoral student at Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi. She presented her ideas on self-empowerment at the CEPA conference in 2012 — “*Self-as-instrument -The best tool for change is yourself.*” The year prior, 2011, she presented a highly thought-provoking social issue — “*On the path to artificial humanity.*”

She noted that advances in science are outpacing the human capacity to comprehend its ethical consequences. The ever-changing mood of the scientific environment leaves no room for the trailing ethicist. Constantly in the spotlight, cloning is proliferating in labs all

over the world, but few understand its ethical ramifications. Alarilla has been appointed to teach classes in the Religious Studies and Theology Department at Our Lady of the Lake University, Fall, 2013.

Clearly, a major concern in today’s world is to address critical social and civic issues. Countries throughout the Americas are poised on the threshold of a new era of development and advancement. This is a region in transition and young scholars like Dr. Rodolfo Acosta-Pérez, Dr. Hughie Barnes and Margaret Alarilla are demonstrating that there is a window of opportunity for educators, civic and political leaders to collaborate more effectively to provide an over-arching vision.

Futuristic leadership

CEPA empowers future leaders in conjunction with their formal academic programs. The conference will provide opportunities for collaboration between professionals, researchers, practitioners, and graduate students from multiple disciplines. These thinkers serve as a model for future leaders. Their careers exemplify and underscore the ideal of *Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk and Change*.

The conference recognizes dreamers and visionaries, their pursuit of goals, and their desire to grow and excel. This event provides a premier opportunity for networking and high-powered professional development.

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