



## **CEPA Leadership Conference**

**2018 - 2020**

### ***Futuristic Leadership: Vision, Risk & Change***

#### **ABOUT CEPA**

Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA), a Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation, is an innovative approach for developing future leaders. During the past decade CEPA has hosted leadership conferences nationally and internationally.

CEPA conferences are intended to provide aspiring leaders with a comprehensive experience including the opportunity to make scholarly presentations, as well as network with established educators and professionals from many disciplines. It provides a forum 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 leadership, 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. Hence, aspiring leaders have an opportunity to enhance their professional development by actually practicing leadership.

Concomitantly, CEPA is designed to mentor future leaders in conjunction with their formal academic program. Therefore, CEPA encourages colleges and universities to be at the forefront in dealing with the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. One of the most important principles embraced by CEPA is investing the time needed in developing new leadership. This cannot be done fleetingly, but must be a conscientious effort. We must all make a full-time commitment to the intellectual development of our future leaders, and we as leaders must also concentrate on vision, risk and change.

#### **CONFERENCE GOALS & OBJECTIVES:**

1. To encourage, mentor and support new and upcoming leaders in diverse fields of interest,
2. To improve leadership through collaboration,
3. To maintain a focus on humanistic values and ethical practices, and
4. To develop independent, innovative and creative thinkers.

## **CEPA FACTS:**

1. Over 50 universities and other institutions have been represented. Scholars from Latin America and the Caribbean have also presented their ideas on leadership. Doctoral students are especially invited to present their vision for the future.
2. CEPA enjoys tax exempt status under IRS Section 501 (c) (3) - Tax ID #: 33-0854333. CEPA depends upon conference registration fees, donations and volunteer leadership.

## **ENDORSEMENTS:**

“Dear Dr. Rodriguez, I am writing this letter as a thank you for letting me have the opportunity to participate and attend the CEPA conference in October.

I did not know what to expect and I was pleasantly surprised at the kind of intelligent information that was presented. I was impressed by all that I witnessed: the lunches and the breakfast, the presentations and the panel discussion. Seeing the McNair scholars doing their presentations gave me the inspiration to give my all when it came time to do my presentation later that afternoon. The other presentations by the coordinators and professors were excellent as well, giving me an insight into how we are interwoven in our higher education system and beyond and why there is a constant need for leadership. I was also quite thrilled to receive the certificate after my presentation.

I met many young scholars, from different schools and made many contacts that I hope to keep in touch with as I continue on my educational career.

In closing, I would like to say that I want to continue to attend these conferences, yours especially. It reminds me of where I am going and what I doing with my life in academia.

Thank you again and I hope to see and speak to you again soon. Sincerely,” Cory Rayburg, MSOL – OLLU, November 2, 2015.

“I think this conference was great and was a super opportunity for all those who attended. I appreciate how students (both undergrad and grad) oriented and friendly it is. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to learn and develop ourselves as future leaders.” Samantha Shields, Texas A&M University, 2015.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the School of Business and Leadership, I am pleased to offer this \$1,000.00 donation to the furtherance of the CEPA mission! Dr. Robert Bisking, Dean, Our Lady of the Lake University, October 18-20, 2012.

I want to thank you again for the wonderful conference on Visionary Leadership: An Ethical and Innovative Approach to Empowerment that you organized in Corpus Christi earlier this month. It was a truly outstanding event and I really appreciated the opportunity to attend, to meet all of the very talented people in attendance and also to have the privilege of addressing this group as

a Keynote Speaker. Everyone I talked to was very impressed with the timeliness of the topics and the mentoring approaches that permeated the conference, thanks to your leadership. So, thank you again so much for putting this all together. Extremely well done!  
CONGRATULATIONS!! Dr. Larry Lemanski, Texas A&M University - Commerce, October 18-20, 2012.

The inspiring and intellectually stimulating conference has ended. I was very impressed with your innovative program of powerful young future leaders. It was a trail-blazing experience (to use the Texas vernacular). Dr. J. Fischer, Texas. 2002

As always I feel so fortunate to have been a part of your work. Dr. Rodriguez, you are an inspiration and a focal point for positive humanist change that is so needed right now. You must continue to expand, the world is waiting...Elizabeth Kuder, California, 2002.

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# City of San Antonio



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** THE COLLABORATIVE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE AMERICAS (CEPA) CONSORTIUM LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 9-11, 2014, AT THE EL TROPICANO RIVERWALK HOTEL, IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND THIS YEAR'S THEME IS *"MILLENNIAL GENERATION: DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS"*; AND

**WHEREAS,** CEPA IS A NON-PROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION, AND AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH FOR DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THEIR FORMAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM; AND

**WHEREAS,** CEPA PROMOTES FORMING PARTNERSHIPS WITH AN INTERDISCIPLINARY GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS TO INITIATE A DYNAMIC INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THOSE DEDICATED TO A COMMON MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE GOALS OF THE EVENT ARE TO ENCOURAGE, MENTOR AND SUPPORT NEW AND UPCOMING LEADERS IN DIVERSE FIELDS OF INTEREST; IMPROVE LEADERSHIP THROUGH COLLABORATION; MAINTAIN A FOCUS ON HUMANISTIC VALUES AND ETHICAL PRACTICES; AND DEVELOP INDEPENDENT, INNOVATIVE AND CREATIVE THINKERS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, IVY R. TAYLOR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, IN RECOGNITION THEREOF, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 9-11, 2014, TO BE

***"CEPA CONFERENCE DAYS"***

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO TO BE AFFIXED THIS 9TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.



*Ivy R. Taylor*  
IVY R. TAYLOR  
MAYOR

