

Dallas-Ft. Worth 2018

Jan 25: Work Smarter, Not Harder: How to Gain Control of Your Priorities

In this era of doing more with less, it is crucial for managers and executives to better manage their time and themselves. This workshop will give you the skills needed to prioritize your activities and optimize your use of time, whether it be in meetings, phone conversations, or your daily activities. You will see how to eliminate procrastination, increase productivity and achieve results. This seminar is about the quality of your life. When all is done you will immediately find more time in the day to do the things that are precious to you.

Dr. Rick Brinkman is the developer of Conscious Communication seminars and the principal of Rick Brinkman Productions, Inc. He has performed over 4000 programs in 18 countries. In addition, he is co-author of numerous books including the international bestseller, *Dealing With People You Can't Stand, How to Bring Out the Best in People at Their Worst*, which has been translated into 25 languages. His clients have included Pepsico, LucasFilm, IBM, the VA, the Astronaut Corps, the FBI and Sony Pictur.

Feb 15: The Responsibility Process®: Unlocking Your Natural Ability to Live and Lead with Power

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to: (1) Explain the importance of personal responsibility (ownership behavior) for success in any pursuit; (2) Provide at least one reason why good, smart people naturally avoid responsibility and why they take it; (3) State the stages within The Responsibility Process and how it works within the mind; (4) Self-apply The Responsibility Process to grow instead of cope when encountering minor frustrations; and (5) Describe why "giving advice" is one of the weakest strategies to guide others to take responsibility and explain at least one other alternative which would be more effective. Back at work, participants should be ready to put the following skills to use: (a) Explain the basic concepts of The Responsibility Process and the 3 Keys to Responsibility to those you lead (and coach); (b) Progressively apply the 3 Keys to Responsibility to your larger upsets; and (c) Apply the basic principles for teaching responsibility to those whom you lead (and coach).

Christopher Avery, Ph.D. "The Responsibility Process guy" is an award-winning developer of leaders and a reformed management consultant. Christopher is also the CEO of Partnerwerks, Inc., the leadership development firm. Wondering why so many smart people spend unhappy lives at work, he left a perfectly good job in his mid-twenties to return to school and earn a Ph.D. in organization science from the University of Texas at Austin. His new book *The Responsibility Process* offers practices gleaned from twenty-five years of applied research on responsibility-taking and leadership. He's the host of the multi-award-winning *The Leadership Gift Program* and its worldwide community of leaders and coaches who are mastering responsibility and producing results that matter.

Mar 21: Executive Presence: 4 Ways to Convey Confidence and Command Respect as a Leader

Executive presence means conveying confidence as a business leader, commanding respect, and having a professional magnetism that influences others. Executive presence trades passivity and self-doubt for self-assurance, decisiveness, and bold decision making. With this program, leaders will gain the tools to develop their executive presence and become the elite performers who influence outcomes, contribute to major decisions, and drive change for the betterment of the company. They will create a consistent view of themselves as a compelling force inside an organization. They will learn how to utilize executive presence to shape and positively affect the outcome of situations.

Joel Garfinkle is recognized as one of the top 50 executive coaches in the U.S., having worked with many of the worlds leading companies. His clientele comprises a distinguished and diverse international client base, including Oracle, Google, Amazon, Deloitte, Ritz-Carlton, Bank of America, Starbucks, and many others.

Apr 10: How to Present, Communicate, and Influence to Achieve the Greatest Impact

This is a highly practical session that will provide you with both the insight and the inspiration to influence and impact others in a wide range of professional and personal contexts. Whether it's communicating with customers, colleagues, your boss or a community group there are ways to sabotage your message or alternatively succeed with it. Attending this seminar will help you avoid sabotaging your success and equip you with the tools required to develop your personal confidence and to present and communicate with impact and influence.

Paul McGee is an international speaker, best-selling author and creator of the brand "SUMO: Shut Up, Move On." His goal is simple. He wants to help people achieve better results in life and have more fun in the process, as he seeks to deliver a memorable, motivational, moving-on experience. He has spoken in over 750 organizations in 35 countries. He has appeared on BBC Breakfast television and is a regular contributor to Radio 5live.

May 08: Crossing the Chasm: From Operational Management to Strategic Leadership

This seminar provides a practical framework for thinking and leading strategically in the new market landscape. Through expert content, carefully curated case examples, captivating leadership portraits, insightful strategic dialogue, and impactful development tools, Dr. Kuhn will lead participants through an engaging exploration of the fundamental shifts in mindset, language, and lens needed to break the shackles of short-termism and incrementalism and cross the chasm from operational management to strategic leadership.

Dr. Jeffrey Kuhn is a distinguished thinker, author, strategy advisor, and speaker with expertise uniquely positioned at the intersection of strategy, innovation, growth, and organizational renewal. His work centers on helping senior leaders elevate their thinking during times of transformation and capitalize on emerging growth opportunities. He is the founder of KuhnStrategic, a New York-based strategy and executive development consultancy that works with business leaders worldwide to build the organizational mindset and muscle to unlock new market growth. He holds a doctorate from Columbia University, and has served as an adjunct professor at Columbia Business School, and Teachers College, Columbia University. He is a founding member of the London-based Strategic Management Forum, and is a Fellow at the Royal Society of Arts. He is the author of *Beyond the Mirage: Thinking and Leading Strategically in the New Market Landscape* (in press, LID Publishing, 2017).

May 23: Influence to Impact: Leveraging Interpersonal Power for Women Leaders

Influence is a crucial competency that enables leaders to succeed in the global marketplace. This program is a highly interactive, leadership development workshop for women. In this course women come to understand the three levels of power involved in influencing, they discover their I2I (Influence to Impact) influence profile, they are taught the power of language and the role gender plays in organizational influence, they are taught to use dialogue as an influence tool, and are taught the secrets of leveraging the hidden power of the organization.

Dr. Jeanne Porter King is a seasoned organizational development consultant, author and inspirational speaker that has been called to lead and make a difference in the lives of others. She has worked in a number of development roles in Fortune 100 companies, which includes working as Senior Consultant in the Diversity Practice of Price Waterhouse.

Jun 12: Leading for Creativity and Innovation

This high-energy session is designed to make creativity and innovation practical and accessible. Creativity and innovation are really about making positive change. Outside of new products and services, there are endless opportunities to change how we work every day in every area of the organization. In this seminar you will learn about leadership behaviors that support creativity and innovation, how to enhance your personal creativity, creativity tools, and how to embrace the role of learning and failure. Join Dr. Todd Dewett for this memorable day of discussion, activities, and breakthrough thinking sure to ignite your career.

Dr. Dewett is one of the worlds most followed leadership personalities. He is an expert on authenticity, a best selling author at LinkedIn Learning and Lynda.com, a TEDx speaker, and an Inc. Magazine Top 100 leadership speaker. Todd is a former award-winning professor whose speaking clients include: ExxonMobil, General Electric, State Farm, and many more. He has been quoted widely, including the New York Times, BusinessWeek, TIME, and Forbes. After beginning his career with Andersen Consulting and Ernst & Young he completed his PhD in Organizational Behavior at Texas A&M University. He has since delivered over 1000 professional speeches and created a body of work that has motivated millions of professionals around the world.

Jul 18: Tools and Techniques for the Five Most Common Coaching Situations

The two areas in which coaching has the most dramatic impact at work are: (1) coaching to engage and develop the high potential people on your team (2) coaching to influence your boss to increase your personal credibility and effectiveness. In this session participants will learn how to connect developmental experiences to needs and position twelve challenges required to develop and engage the high potentials for current and future success. We'll also examine coaching from a perspective of influencing or "coaching up" in the organization.

Bill Hawkins is an expert in leadership effectiveness and organizational change. In association with the Alliance 4 Strategic Leadership: Coaching and Consulting, he has conducted leadership training in over twenty FORTUNE 500 companies in seventeen countries. Listed in Who's Who in International Business, he is a contributing author in the Peter Drucker Foundation book, "The Organization of the Future." He is also listed in he Who's Who in International Business.

Aug 21: Becoming the Leader that Others Want to Follow: Essential Skills for Building Engagement, Teamwork, and Results

Leaders are challenged to not only recruit and select top talent but also to retain their best in an environment of uncertainty and change. As 'A players' search for the best companies - and continually hone their resumes - a key strategy to retain them is to fully engage them. This session will share the state of engagement in today's workplaces including how each generation views work and their place in it. Strategies and techniques will include enhancing your leadership acumen, building effective and trusting teams, engaging all generations of employees by understanding their needs and maintaining your personal resilience to be the very best leader that you can be.

Dr. Jan Ferri-Reed is a seasoned consultant and President of KEYGroup, a 28-year Pittsburgh-based speaking, education and assessment firm. She has presented a variety of programs to thousands of managers and employees in a diverse range of organizations across the globe. She provides guidance, wisdom and wit to leaders who want to create productive and profitable workplaces.

Sep 13: Sharpening Your Communication Edge: The Art of Listening, The Power of Speaking

In the age of empowerment, teamwork and constant change, there is no more valuable skill for leaders to develop than effective communication. In this workshop you will learn how to quickly connect with an audience, how to sell people on listening, how to keep your presentation from sounding rehearsed even when it is, and how to craft a message that gets results. You'll learn how to deal with tough audiences and how to use humor, participation and stories effectively.

Dr. Terry Paulson is a psychologist and author of the popular books "50 Tips for Speaking Like a Pro", "Paulson on Change", and "They Shoot Managers, Don't They?" Since founding Paulson & Associates in 1974, Dr. Paulson has conducted management programs for 3M, Hughes Aircraft, IBM, Merck, Nissan Canada, and hundreds of other organizations.

Oct 10: Strategic Thinking: Essentials for Leading Today's Organizations

This session will give audience participants a clear look at how to think about crafting a strategy that builds a distinctive competitive advantage. The first part of the session looks at the four essential ingredients of strategy: clear mission and vision, choice of competitive strategy, economic basis of profit, and critical success factors. We then apply these ingredients to sharpen our understanding of 1) customers' needs, 2) competitors' moves, 3) attaining strategic alignment, 4) innovating for the future, and 5) preparing for disruption. A variety of individual and group exercises will encourage participants to actively use these frameworks in a way where they can actually apply their ideas in their workplaces too.

Dr. David Lei is Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at the Edwin L. Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He has co-authored the book, "Strategic Management: Building and Sustaining Competitive Advantage". He has also consulted with a wide variety of companies in the past 15 years including Fidelity Investments, IBM, Microsoft, Verizon and Texas Instruments.

Nov 14: How Innovative Thinking Leads to Extraordinary Outcomes

Successful organizations operate on the edge of chaos and embrace risk, error, and ambiguity, while practicing strategies that reduce the need for doing, undoing, and redoing. You will learn key strategies and practical tools to give you the adaptive capacity to work creatively with change and uncertainty. We will discuss strategies for tapping the human potential for creative thinking, from the inception of ideas to their transformation into practical business strategies and innovations. Learn how effective leaders infuse all levels of the organization with the creative capacity to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

Dr. Iris Firstenberg is an Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychology, UCLA and Adjunct Associate Professor of Management at UCLA Anderson School of Management. She teaches seminars on creativity and innovation for a large number of Fortune 500 companies as well as government agencies. She has co-authored three books including her latest, *Extraordinary Outcomes: Shaping an Otherwise Unpredictable Future* (John Wiley & Sons).

Dec 12: Championing Your Ideas at Work: Becoming Your Own Best Advocate

Successful advocates know how important it is to clearly communicate their ideas, how their reputations shape how people respond to their ideas, how they need to build partnerships and alliances with others in getting ideas adopted, how they must "pre-sell" any idea long before formal meetings, and how to be persuasive and influential in meetings. We will discuss new research on each of those topics - research that offers you interesting and surprising ways to champion innovations in your organization.

Dr. John Daly is the Liddell Professor in the College of Communication, Distinguished Teaching Professor, and TCB Professor of Management at the University of Texas at Austin. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on topics such as interpersonal communication, organizational behavior, and advocacy and persuasion. He has won every major undergraduate teaching award at the University of Texas. He has published more than one hundred scholarly articles, and completed nine books, including, most recently, *Advocacy: Championing Ideas and Influencing Others* (Yale) as well as *The SAGE Handbook of Interpersonal Communication*. He has served as President of the National Communication Association and on the Board of Directors of the International Communication Association and the International Customer Service Association. His work has appeared in major popular outlets like the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times. He has worked with Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, Marriott, American Airlines, Roche, Amgen, Pfizer, Astra-Zeneca, State Farm, Kraft, ExxonMobil, Shell, Texas Instruments, UPS, FedEx-Kinkos, 3M, Dell, IBM, AT&T, USAA, Prudential, and Samsung, among many others.

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