



Central Plains Regional Conference

October 27–28, 2016
The Woodlands, TX



Welcome

The Association of Leadership Programs expresses grateful appreciation to the host leadership programs and the many volunteers who helped to support this regional conference with their time and talents!



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Thank you to the following sponsors who helped make the Central Plains Regional Conference possible!



Speakers

Luncheon:

Annise Parker

The Honorable Annise Parker has spent many years in service to the people of Houston. Six years were spent as a City Council member, six years as City Controller, and six years as Mayor. She is one of only two women to have been elected mayor, and is the only person in Houston history to have held the offices of council member, controller and mayor.

She has received many accolades including: 2010 Time magazine's one of the most influential people in the world, top US mayor and seventh ranked world mayor in 2014 by City Mayors Foundation, 2010 Scenic Visionary Award, 2010 Guardian of the Human Spirit Award from the Holocaust Museum Houston.

Mayor Parker is currently a Fellow at the Doerr Institute for New Leaders at Rice University. She serves on the board of FirstNet, created by Congress to implement a nationwide broadband network for first responders and is a member of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium and Houston Galveston Area Council.



Pre-Conference:

Presented by:

The Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas
and Leadership Austin

Civic and Social Connectedness

Each day more and more citizens feel a lack of engagement and unresponsive action to their concerns by the community around them. What we know is that when levels of political participation, civic involvement, and social connectedness are relatively high, a community enjoys the benefits of civic health.

Leadership Austin and The Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas will share their in process case study on civic engagement in Central Texas. This professional development opportunity is designed to provide attendees with current trends, interactive strategies and actions that can be used in overcoming obstacles to civic engagement.

Topics include:

- A summary of the Texas Civic Health Index that examined the civic health of the state: political participation, civic involvement, and social connectedness.
- Interactive practicums on hosting community conversations.
- Specific examples of the win's, losses and do-overs over the last two years.

Representing Leadership Austin: Christopher Kennedy & Julie Smith

Awards

The Distinguished Leadership Award

The Distinguished Leadership Award (DLA) is designed to recognize exceptional community leadership graduates. Recipients are men and women who have made significant and notable contributions for the betterment of their communities.

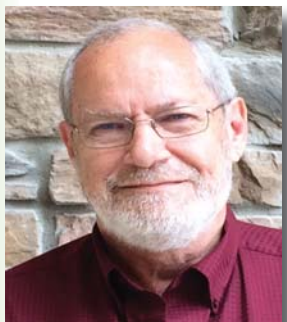
Lisa Raskin



Lisa Raskin A graduate of **Leadership Plano** Class 23, Lisa has donated her time, resources, and expertise to serving the community. A licensed CPA, Lisa, currently serves as the Auction Chair for the Jesuit College Preparatory School. She is an active member of the National Charity League, a mother-daughter service organization; an active member of the Young Men's Service League, a mother-son service organization; and an active member of the Ursuline Academy Moms Club and the Jesuit Women's Auxiliary. Lisa has also served as the inaugural President of the Women's Auxiliary to Children's Medical Center Plano Legacy Chapter; President of the Plano Independent School District Education Foundation; and President of the Junior League of Collin County. She previously served as head of the fundraising committee for Plano Youth Leadership; a member of the Serenity High Advisory Board; and President of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Richardson/Plano Alumni Night group.

Lisa is married to Mark and they are the parents of Lauren and Jared. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Tulsa and an MBA in Corporate Finance from the University of Dallas.

Gene Rife



Gene Rife is a graduate of **Leadership Allen** Class 20 and was on the LA steering committee for a number of years. Gene volunteered to coordinate and engage the program graduates in activities that would keep them connected and in promoting and serving the leadership program for Allen and Fairview. Officially, Gene served as the alumni chair for the steering committee for several years, transitioning into an ex-officio position on the committee and continuing his work with the alumni group. Gene was the impetus behind an effort to bring all the non-profits together at a service summit and to encourage community programs, volunteerism and interaction among to groups for the betterment of our communities and each individual non-profit and service group.

Gene has continued working at achieving this goal with a different emphasis this year. He is responsible for the coordination of a tri-fold brochure that can be distributed among the citizens of our community as well as the business community to encourage participation in these great service organizations. Gene was the author of the leadership newsletter – The Torch – and continues to promote the leadership program and the alumni group. At times this has been a real challenge for him but he has never given up. He is active in his local Lions Club and other community organizations including the Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce. In addition to his volunteerism, Gene and his wife Jackie have recently started their own business.

*Will your Distinguished Leader be
recognized in June 2017?*

Join us in Phoenix, AZ June 22-24, 2017 to find out!
The host for the 2017 National Conference: Valley Leadership, AZ
Hotel: The Arizona Biltmore

Schedule

Thursday, October 27

- 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Registration at Lone Star College - System Office** LSC-SO
- 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Pre-Conference – Civic and Social Connectedness** LSC-SO
Presented by: Leadership Austin and The Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at the University of Texas
- 5:30 p.m.– 7:00 p.m. **Welcome Reception**
The Welcome Reception, held at the Rooftop of Crush Wine Lounge, gives the distinctive downtown venue a great view of the variety of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and outdoor green spaces that make The Woodlands one of the best cities to live in Texas.
Thursday, October 27
5:30 – 7 p.m.
"Rooftop @ Crush Wine Lounge"
20 Waterway Avenue, #200
The Woodlands, TX 77380
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Dinner — On Your Own**
Leadership program alumni will recommend great restaurants that give you a taste of The Woodlands culinary scene. All within walking distance of the reception.

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Using your smart phone app, scan the QR Code and it will take you directly to the conference page on the ALP website for detailed information about the conference, workshops, session leaders and more!


Schedule

Friday, October 28

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast — On Your Own	
7:30 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	Transportation to Lone Star College - System Office Meet for 7:45 departure	Hotel Lobby
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Registration	LSC-SO
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Opening Session — Welcome	Star Ballroom
8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Interactive Table Discussions • Session Leader: Denise King	Star Ballroom
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Learning Sessions Session 1 — Implementing Leadership Development • Session Leader: Lei Ann Reeves; Susie Cardwell Is there value in including leadership skills as part of your leadership class? How do you know if your leadership training is effective? Hear from two leadership programs that have successfully integrated skills training in their curriculum. Learn how to make your leadership training have continuity with your class days. Session 2 — Exploring Regional Collaboration • Session Leaders: Carole Greisdorf; Harriet Harral; Ray Laughter Explore ways to collaborate with other organizations to advance and grow regional programs. Hear examples of how leadership programs are partnering to create a stronger regional presence and developing partnerships among future leaders.	
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Learning Sessions Session 3 — Fund Development with Sponsorships • Session Leaders: Wendy Thomas; Denise King Sponsors not only provide valuable support to the bottom line, they also are a measure of your value in the community. What types of proposals/benefits will help you attract new sponsors? What are innovative ways to keep your sponsors happy year after year? Join us for this critical discussion on structuring sponsorships. Session 4 — Leading & Managing Generational Differences • Session Leader: Amy Mifflin This Generational Forum & Discussion will provide opportunities to challenge perceptions by gaining awareness and offer practical tools that can be used in a variety of situations. By exploring the four generations, we will start to assess assumptions, stereotypes and biases toward others, and learn strategies that help build stronger more cohesive relationships, teams, and partnerships that build and foster inclusion and collaboration.	

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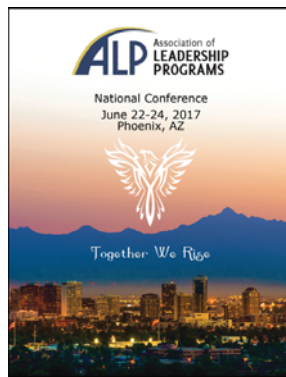
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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Annise Parker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luncheon sponsor - Allegiance Bank	Star Ballroom
		
1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Learning Sessions Session 5 — Is Coaching the right value add for your Leadership Program? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session Leader: Matt Williams In this session we'll explore the growth of coaching and its impact on leadership development. We'll discuss what coaches do and why it has become a large piece of the development landscape in corporate, non-profit and education. We'll look at other programs who have integrated coaching, lessons learned and benefits gained. At its conclusion, participants will have a better understanding of how coaching may benefit their leadership development program and what steps to take in identifying resources for implementation. Session 6 — Best Practices for Youth Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Session Leaders: Amy Babineaux; Laraine Saldivar Looking to start a youth leadership program or maybe searching for ideas to enhance your program? Join us for an informative session where representatives from two youth leadership programs (one-day program and summer-long program) will share some of their best practices. Whether you have an annual youth program or conduct one day youth leadership sessions, you do not want to miss this session of interactive discussion where you could gain insight to strengthen your own youth programming or begin a youth initiative.	
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
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4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Wrap-up and Closing Remarks	Star Ballroom

Join Us!

You are invited to attend the 2017 Association of Leadership Program's national conference

June 22-24, 2017
Phoenix, AZ



For more information and future details:
www.alpleaders.org

Session Leaders

Amy Babineaux

Leadership Beaumont, TX

Workshop: *Best Practices for Youth Programs*

Amy is Executive Director of Leadership Beaumont. She previously worked for in the manufacturing industry in roles of production control, assembly scheduling, quality management, continuous improvement and human resources. She is active in community affairs, having served on the board of several service and business organizations including the United Way, Beaumont Chamber Foundation. She was recognized as being one of the 40 Under 40 Young Professionals in South East Texas.



Susie Cardwell

Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce, TX

Workshop: *Implementing Leadership Development*

Susie is currently working for the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce as the Community Development Mgr and Coordinator of the Vision 2020 Program. She currently oversees the Chamber's leadership programs: Leadership Lufkin, Leadership Tomorrow, and Leadership Lufkin Alumni Association. She also coordinates the annual Angelina County Science & Tech Fair for grades 6-12 and is Logistics coordinator for various annual Chamber events, such as the Neches River Rendezvous and the Texas State Forest Festival.

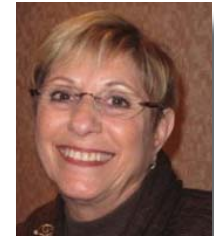


Carole Greisdorf

Leadership Plano, TX

Workshop: *Exploring Regional Collaboration*

Carole serves as Program Director for Leadership Plano, a Program of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and is a recognized strategic planning consultant. Carole previously served as Special Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in the Plano Independent School District and the Volusia County School District in Florida where she was responsible for all facets of communications and public relations. She also served as Director of Communications and Alumnae Relations for Leadership Texas (now Leadership-Women).



Havriet Harral

Leadership Fort Worth, TX

Workshop: *Exploring Regional Collaboration*

Dr. Harral is principal of The Harral Group: Specialists in Organizational Effectiveness. Her company provides tailored services in group facilitation, communication effectiveness, management training, and leadership development, and works with organizations and businesses as diverse as computer technology, pharmaceuticals, education, banking, health care, and government. In this capacity, she also serves as Executive Director of Leadership Fort Worth.



Christopher Kennedy

Leadership Austin, TX

Workshop: *Plenary Session: Alumni Engagement - Measuring Impact to Tell Our Story*

An accomplished leader with more than 20 years of progressively responsible experience and successful results in executive positions. Proven track record in developing and implementing strategic plans. Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with ability to forge successful working relationships with customers and consumers, employees, boards, public-private partnerships and community leaders.



Denise King

Leadership Denver, CO

Workshop: *Fund Development with Sponsorships*

Denise is Senior Program Manager for the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation. She manages Leadership Denver, Impact Denver and facilitates the work of the Colorado Leadership Alliance, a partnership of leadership programs at eleven Colorado public and private colleges and universities. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was Director, National Administration at TIAA-CREF. In this position she launched a new division to provide operations support to 56 offices across the United States.



Session Leaders



Ray Laughter

*Vice President of Business Development, Caldwell Companies
Workshop: Exploring Regional Collaboration*

Ray recently joined Caldwell Companies, a major Texas real estate development firm, serving as Vice President of Business Development, partnering with Texas communities to develop office and industrial buildings and infrastructure to attract and retain businesses. Previously, he served as Vice Chancellor of External Affairs for almost 30 yrs with the Lone Star College System, one of the largest and most progressive community colleges in the nation with over 90,000 students on six comprehensive campuses.



Amy Mifflin

*Global Collaborations, Inc.
Workshop: Leading & Managing Generational Differences*

Amy is Founder and President of Global Collaborations, Inc. an international business consulting services company specializing in corporate social responsibility, technology tools, diversity management and inclusion practices, cultural awareness and preparedness, and strategy development with an aim toward delivering visionary solutions for companies/organizations around the world.



Lei Ann Reeves

*MetroTex Leadership Academy, TX
Workshop: Implementing Leadership Development*

Lei Ann Reeves has been working with the MetroTex Leadership Academy for 10 years. MetroTex is a trade association of with nearly 18,000 members. The purpose of the Academy is to develop and enhance participants' leadership skills and abilities so that they may be better prepared to fill future leadership roles in their Association, their professions and their communities. The Academy has successfully graduated 25 classes and the 26th class is well on its way.



Laraine Saldivar

*Leadership Pikes Peak, CO
Workshop: Best Practices for Youth Programs*

Laraine is Executive Director of Leadership Pikes Peak. Laraine's resume includes more than 20 years of management, fundraising, business development, training, sales and marketing experience in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Laraine has served as a board member for several local nonprofit organizations, including Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity and United Way's Women's Leadership Council. She has been active in Colorado Springs Rising Professionals and is a member of El Pomar's Hispanic Advisory Council.



Wendy Thomas

*Leadership Denver, CO
Workshop: Fund Development with Sponsorships*

Wendy is the Executive Director for Leadership Tulsa, OK. Wendy joined Leadership Tulsa as its Executive Director in January 2002 after being Executive Director of the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa. Wendy has served on the boards of Clarehouse, the Association of Fundraising Professionals and TulsaNow and has also been an adjunct professor at the University of Tulsa. She is a frequent consultant to area non-profits for board development and strategic planning and lectures frequently about Generations in the Workplace.



Matt Williams

*Managing Partner, Epiphany
Workshop: Is Coaching the Right Value Add for your Leadership Program?*

Matt has an extensive background in assisting mid to C-level executives and their teams improve their results by developing the skills and competencies necessary to ensure individual, team and organizational success. He brings direct operating experience coupled with a depth of coaching experience that provides the foundation for successful executive and team development.

Join ALP

ALP is a community of leadership programs for professionals who are doing great things in their communities. The Association strives to recognize excellence, foster innovation, share best practices, build networks with colleagues, and provide educational training and development to advance the effectiveness of community leadership programs and professionals

Benefits Of Membership

Opportunity to Attend Regional and National Conferences

- Connect with fellow leadership professionals
- Learn in educational workshops
- Engage with a cadre of national keynote presenters

Instant Access to Advanced Web Tools

- Searchable database directory of community leadership programs
- Monthly electronic newsletter
- Resource library
- Job posting opportunities
- Social media connections: LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook
- Interactive map listing member organizations on our website

Upcoming Conferences

2017 National Conference

- June 22-24, Phoenix, AZ

2018 Northeast Conference

- June, Niagra Falls, NY

Signature Programming

National Conference

The national leadership conference is an opportunity for leadership professionals to come together to network, share ideas and best practices, refresh leadership skills, and attend educational workshops to enhance leadership programs. Also featured during the leadership conference is the recognition of the Distinguished Leader Awards, Preceptor Awards and Excellence in Innovation Awards.

Regional Conferences

ALP conducts several Regional Leadership Conferences that are designed to be affordable for connecting directors, staff, volunteers, and board members of local leadership groups for learning, sharing, and recharging.

Leadership Connection Tele-Classes

These monthly teleconference calls are **free** to members to share best practices and new trends as well as network among colleagues with other leadership program professionals.

eNews

Monthly electronic newsletter contains valuable content for leadership programs, keeping members informed of ALP Happenings. Each edition features an ALP member.

The Legacy Club

The Legacy Club members are recognized for their support and belief in the mission and value of ALP and contribute annually above and beyond their regular membership investment.



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