What Type of Leader Are You?

William Garay – Owner of Garay Marketing
What is it like to be on the other side of you and your leadership learn tools that will help you understand how those you work and live with experience. You regularly learn where you default to (and how to not stay there), in addition to having a regular self-check-in tool you can use to be a better leader moving forward.

Artificial Intelligence: Transforming Education and Society
Chloe Diepenbrock, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Writing and Rhetoric, Department Chair, Communication & Studio Arts (CASA)
Discover how artificial intelligence is revolutionizing industries and shaping societies, exploring the transformative impact of AI on education and beyond in today’s rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Integrity First: Navigating Ethical Challenges in Any Organization
Jim Johnson, President/CEO, Pearland Chamber of Commerce
"Integrity First" illuminates ethical stewardship within any organization. Learn short the importance of code of conduct, identify ethical dilemmas, foster transparency, and build trusted leadership, while ensuring your organization’s actions align with its core values and societal expectations.

Pivoting with Purpose: Navigating the Path to Your Ideal Career as a Young Professional
Jennifer Berti – Vice President, Pearland Chamber of Commerce
Embark on a transformative journey with "Pivot with Purpose," a course providing young professionals strategies for reinvention, career assessment, skill development, and the creation of actionable plans to achieve growth and fulfillment in evolving job landscapes.

The Future of Learning: Adapting to Technology in Education
Lee Andrew Hilyer, MLIS, M.Ed., PMP – Executive Director - Alfred R. Neumann Library
Explore the innovative ways technology is shaping the future of education, examining tools and strategies for leveraging digital resources to enhance learning outcomes and adapt to evolving educational landscapes.

Principles of Project Management
Young Jeong, Ph.D., Professor, School of Engineering
This course reviews the fundamental principles of project management, discussing the essential skills to effectively plan, execute, and monitor projects for successful outcomes and career growth.

Entrepreneurial Mindset: Fostering Innovation
Vivien Jancenelle, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management, College of Business
Cultivate an entrepreneurial mindset and spark innovation. Explore techniques to embrace change, drive growth, inspire creative problem-solving, and encourage a culture of proactive initiative and strategic risk-taking in this dynamic talk.

Strategic Leadership in Times of Change
Beth Lewis, Ed.D., Associate Vice President, COO, UHCL at Pearland
Explore the art of Strategic Leadership in Times of Change: Craft a clear vision, align stakeholders, and lead effectively. Empower teams, steer through transitions, and integrate change for success. Gain skills to innovate, execute, and sustain organizational transformation. Dr. Lewis is a certified mediator of workplace conflict.
Friday, June 21
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9 am
Mind-Body Leadership Connection: Exploring the Impact of Mental Health on Physical Well-being
Christopher Ward, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Psychology
Explore the intricate relationship between mental health and physical well-being, equipping leaders with strategies to promote a holistic approach to employee wellness and productivity in diverse organizational settings.

10:30 am
The Art of Storytelling: Harnessing the Power of Narrative Communication
Leslie Gauna, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Bilingual Education/ESL & Multicultural Education, Counseling, Special Education & Diversity
This course explores the essential elements of effective storytelling, teaching students how to craft engaging narratives that resonate with audiences and drive meaningful communication in various contexts.

Friday, June 28
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9 am
Unlocking Innovation: Harnessing STEM to Empower Tomorrow’s Workforce
L.J. Henderson, M.Ed. MS - Social Advocate and Little STEM Academy Founder
Unlock the potential of STEM disciplines in professional development, enhancing management perspectives with strategic insights into leveraging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for organizational innovation and sustainable growth.

10:30 am
Mastering the Art of Negotiation in Technical Professions
Ipek Bozkurt, Ph.D., CPEM, Program Chair and Associate Professor, Engineering Management Program
Learn essential tactics and mindset shifts required to excel in technical negotiations such as contract negotiations and procurement deals. Topics will range from understanding the power of trust to leveraging effective communication techniques, learning how to navigate conflicts, creating win-win solutions in engineering and technology-oriented organizations, and emerging as a confident and skilled negotiator.

Friday, July 12
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9 am
Personal Development: Nurturing Mental Well-being
BJ Davis, Ph.D., NCC LPC CSC, Associate Professor and Program Director, Department of Counseling, Special Education, & Diversity
Explore strategies to enhance mental well-being in personal development with a focus on self-care techniques to support professional growth and resilience in challenging work environments.

10:30 am
Navigating Personal Finance
Jeffrey Whitworth, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Finance
Learn basic strategies to make informed decisions for a secure financial future. Gain essential knowledge about investing through mutual funds, traditional and Roth IRAs, and workplace retirement plans (e.g., 401(k)s).

Friday, July 19
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
9 am
Digital Marketing Strategies for Small Businesses
TJ Aulds – Founder/Owner for start-up online digital TV news outlet 145NOW
Discover potent digital marketing strategies tailored for small businesses. Learn to leverage social media, SEO, content marketing, and analytics to enhance online presence, engage customers, and drive sales. Transform your digital footprint into a powerful business asset.

10:30 am
The Power of Empathy in Interpersonal Relationships
Heather Kanenberg, Ph.D., LMSW | Associate Professor & BSW Program Director
Discover the transformative impact of empathy on interpersonal relationships within a management context, fostering understanding, collaboration, and effective leadership in diverse workplace environments for enhanced organizational success.