

# Leadership LINK & Nebraska State Government Chapters

## October Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2015



- TOPIC:** “The Career Academy—53 Days and Counting”
- SPEAKER:** Dr. Dan Hohensee, Director of The Career Academy
- WHEN:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 11:30 AM
- WHERE:** Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department Training Center, 3140 N St
- NOTES:** \$5 for Leadership Link and State Chapter members & \$10 for non-members (payable at the door).
- Menu:** Assorted Sandwiches, Chips, Fruit, Dessert & Beverages
- RSVP:** By noon on Friday, October 23, 2015 to Elaine Severe at [esevere@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:esevere@lincoln.ne.gov)

The Career Academy (TCA) is an opportunity for juniors and seniors in high schools to explore a potential career pathway while becoming both college- and career-ready. This joint venture between Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) and Southeast Community College (SCC) allows students to earn SCC credits while continuing to earn LPS credits toward their high school diploma. Juniors and seniors attend TCA for two hours a day where they explore their specific interest in any one of 16 different career pathways. Every pathway incorporates entry-level college courses, hands-on activities, field trips, competitions, and interactions with local business and industry people directly involved in the career. The new facility built exclusively for this venture is located on the SCC Lincoln campus at 88<sup>th</sup> and O Streets. Come learn more about this new and exciting opportunity for the local community.

Dan had completed thirty-one years in the classroom as a math and entrepreneurship teacher before became the director of The Career Academy in July of 2014. During those thirty-one years, he earned a Masters, Doctorate, and secondary principal certification from UNL. Beginning in 1983, he taught math at Lincoln Southeast High School and served in various roles of department chair, club coordinator, testing coordinator, and coach. From 2005 to 2013, he was at the LPS Entrepreneurship Focus Program (EFP) as the math teacher, the master scheduler, and one of the co-teachers of entrepreneurship.



The real world, hands-on experiences offered to students at EFP greatly shaped his vision of what should happen at The Career Academy (TCA). The learning students presented through individual portfolios and community events simply reaffirmed that career-focused academics enable students to gain valuable insights when they connect academics to the real world of business. His goal for TCA is to work directly with LPS and SCC staff to transform classroom academics into an incredible hands-on, engaging environment. Business and industry partnerships are the critical element for brainstorming unique activities and projects to enable students to connect classroom learning to the real world in every career path.

***Mark your calendars for these upcoming Leadership Link programs:***

- Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>: Doug McDaniel, Human Resources Director
- Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: David Landis, Urban Development Director