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Building Up and Reaching Out

Happy New Year! Last semester was a whirlwind of activity for the Institute: we started a new online series covering Ethical Leadership for our Lumberjack Alumni, welcomed a new post-doctoral scholar, hosted two incredible guest speakers, delivered guest speeches to organizations like the Flagstaff Leadership Program, and most importantly - began setting a course for the future of the Institute. And what an exciting future it is. This semester we have two major events already on the calendar: hosting an Ethics Bowl for local high schools and partnering with Flagstaff's own Murdoch Center for a Community Summit that will bring together leaders in business, healthcare, and government with members of the community to discuss several pressing issues.

As we continue to grow and add new programs to our repertoire, I ask that you join us on this journey. We have a new social media presence on [LinkedIn](#) and I welcome you to join us there or by joining our [email list](#). We are adding more events each month and we hope to start livestreaming several of our guest speakers in the future so that their reach goes beyond just our students and out to our Flagstaff family as well as our Lumberjack alumni.

Again, my best to you in this new year and thank you for being a friend of NAU's Institute for Public and Professional Ethics in Leadership!

-Charn McAllister, PhD
Director

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Alumni Series: Ethical Leadership

Through a partnership with NAU Advancement, we now offer a free five-course series on Ethical Leadership to our Lumberjack alumni. The goal of this course is simple: bring together interested alumni and fantastic scholars to advance our understanding and knowledge of ethical leadership through case study and discussion.

This year's class includes 19 alumni joining us from across the country (Arizona to South Carolina) with a 48-year span of graduation dates (1974 - 2022). The diverse range of backgrounds and leadership experiences mean each class is full of incredible insights and diverse perspectives - making this a great experience for all involved!



This series would not be possible were it not for the efforts of some of NAU's incredible faculty and staff. The professors joining us this year are Jeremy Brees, Jennifer Wargin, David Albritton, Theresa Bierer, and Charn McAllister. Each deliver cases ranging from broad ranging topics like free speech on campus to business-related issues surrounding companies like JUUL and Hot Chicken Takeover. Staff members like Mary Kate Wolter in the W.A. Franke College of Business have worked tirelessly to ensure all materials are purchased and ready for the classes. We look forward to finishing this semester strong and beginning a new series next year!

Alumni Series Stats:

19 STUDENTS

5 ONLINE SESSIONS

5 PROFESSORS

48-YEAR SPAN OF
GRADUATION DATES

ALUMNI JOINING US FROM
ARIZONA - SOUTH CAROLINA

FREE OF CHARGE THANKS TO
PARTNERSHIP WITH NAU
ADVANCEMENT



"Be fair and put yourself in the other person's shoes."

-MIKE LOVEN

Speaker Series

Mike Loven

One of our goals is to get our students invested in the importance of ethics and leadership during their time at NAU. This semester, we continued our Speaker Series by inviting two incredible speakers to join us: Mike Loven and Cole Lindbergh.

Mike Loven is the Founder and CEO of Loven Contracting, a local Flagstaff general contracting firm servicing clients across the state of Arizona. For over 37 years, Mike has provided leadership for projects across a wide range of industry sectors with focus on governments agencies, and highly technical healthcare and energy infrastructure projects.



What makes Loven Contracting such an incredible example for our students is that Mike sold his company to his employees and now it is an energetic and successful firm with minorities, veterans, and women comprising over 50% of the diverse employee owner group. Mike currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors for the Coconino County Industrial Development Authority and is a board member for both the Raymond Foundation and the Northern Arizona Leadership Alliance.

Mike's words resonated with our students and the personal case study he presented generated quite a bit of discussion amongst those in attendance. Having such successful local leaders candidly share such incredible stories is invaluable to our students who are in such a critical stage of developing their own ethical frameworks and codes.



"Life is too short
to spend
countless hours
each day
unhappy."

-COLE LINDBERGH



Speaker Series

Cole Lindbergh

I first heard of Cole Lindbergh while listening to NPR's This American Life hosted by Ira Glass. Featured in the episode, "[Amusement Park](#)," Cole's incredibly positive and tirelessly enthusiastic approach to leadership grabbed a hold of me and never let go. What I heard was the story of an incredible leader who somehow made a job some found uninspiring - working in the games department of a small amusement park - an experience worth coming back for year after year after year.



Now working for Chow Now as a Sales Enablement Manager, Cole kindly accept our invitation to deliver a presentation to our students. Having grown up as a lover of amusement parks and after spending over a decade in the industry, Cole knows how to grab the audience's attention and never let go.

His words were both funny and profound; like Mike Loven, Cole offered very candid stories from his own life. This type of unveiling of one's self is a gift to our students and we are so fortunate to have speakers join us who are willing to lay themselves bare for the sake of learning.





Welcome to Dr. Jennifer Wargin



We are so fortunate to have been joined by Dr. Jennifer Wargin this year. Coming to NAU from Utah Tech University in St. George, Utah, Jennifer earned her Ph.D. in Philosophy from Texas A&M University in 2021. Her main area of research examines the importance of humility to leadership, and specifically, it's importance to political leaders. Her experience in this area has already proved invaluable as she taught one seminar for our Alumni Series on Ethical Leadership and she is currently spearheading our Community Summit on Equal Responsivity in partnership with the Murdoch Center. While doing all of this, she is also teaching our students and working on her research - non-stop and truly a wonderful colleague!



Welcome to Darby House

Darby has been another wonderful addition to our team here at the Institute. She joined our team as an undergraduate pursuing two degrees: one in Business Administration and the other in Psychological Sciences. An incredible student, the [NAU Review recently featured Darby](#) as one of our distinguished graduates. Now, she continues as a member of our team as an alumna of NAU having graduated in December. As the coordinator for the Institute, Darby maintains our website, creates our flyers for events, and also provides us insight into what students want to see in terms of events and speakers. Although Darby graduated, she will be staying on board with us for the foreseeable future and we are so grateful to have her on the team!

"Integrity is
better than any
career."

- RALPH WALDO EMERSON



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