2024 Women in Engineering Conference

CSULB 100+ Women Strong
Coaching Circle

From Engineering to leadership



Leadership – the ability to influence, motivate, and enable others to contribute to the organization's success

Leadership is not Management

From Engineering to Leadership

DISCUSSION POINTS

- ► How leadership is different than management staying technical
- ▶ What influences people to make the leap?
- ▶ What is required of a leader?
- ▶ The path to leadership is a process

First...Asking Yourself Why?

Determining your personal motivations and motives



- More responsibility, influence, compensation?
- Interested in business aspects beyond technical solutions?
- Desire to lead people?
- Motivation to have your team and mission succeed – desire to see the bigger picture

Next...Recognize the Skills Needed

Amplifying the skills you already have

- Ask participants to list their current skills applicable to leadership
- Find ways to start now in your current classes & labs

Develop the skills needed to lead

- Build confidence, get out of your comfort zone
- Communication opportunities, public speaking, group work
- Strategic thinking, motivating other's not simply doing yourself
- Become a mentor



Path to Leadership is a <u>Process</u>

- ▶ Determining "How"
- ► Engineering the solution
- ► Technical knowledge
- ► Internal focus
- Relying on systems
- Providing answers



- ► Asking "Why & Where"
- ► Amplifying soft skills
- ► Leverage communication
- ► External focus
- ▶ Building Confidence
- ▶ Team providing answers

Your Journey to Leadership



COMMUNICATION

- Across the entire organization
 - With all Stakeholders
 - All formats
 - 1 on 1 to large groups

Strategic Thinking

- Market facing
- Competitors
- Advantages
- Why, When & Where, NOT How





External Focus

- Beyond the engineering team
- Building Networks
 - Competitors
 - -Regulators & Policy



Growth Mindset

- Continuous learning
- Comfortable w/o the answer
- ALWAYS listening
 - -Adapting



Network with Today's Coaches



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Write down lessons learned, goals, next steps with timeline, & career goals.

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