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NEXUS

A PROVEN EXPERIENCE IN LEADERSHIP

Encouraging & Equipping the
Next Generation of Community
Leaders Through Proven Mentor
Coaching & Teaching

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Upcoming Session

On April 22 **Gordon MacDonald**, Speaker & Author will speak at the NEXUS session on the topic of "Dreaming". Gordon MacDonald has spoken to NEXUS in the past and always delivers an insightful presentation. There are a few seats available for alumni; email NEXUS at nexus@2pc.org to reserve a seat. The session will begin at 5:30pm at Second Presbyterian Church, Room C310

NEXUS Class of 2011 Recruitment

Recruitment is underway for the NEXUS Class of 2011. This will be the eighth NEXUS Class and we continue to search for experienced, proven leaders to duplicate and young, emerging leaders to develop through mentorship, relationship and interactive teaching.

If you know of someone who is interested in participating in NEXUS or would like to nominate someone, please send potential names and email addresses to nexus@2pc.org. All participants are considered and approved by the NEXUS Board of Directors.

We will host an Informational Recruitment Reception with Board Chairman Sandy Willson and past NEXUS participants on the evening of April 29, 2010 for both potential mentors and protégés. For more information visit our website at www.nexusleaders.org.

NEXUS Class of 2010 Recruitment Receptions: Mentor Reception, April 29, 5:30-6:30pm Protégé Reception, April 29, 7-8pm

Second Presbyterian Church, West Entrance, Room C310/Salmon Room

ANNOUNCING: 2010-2011 Session Speakers & Dates

We are excited to announce a dynamic list of speakers for the NEXUS Class of 2011. Each year we invite local and national leaders to speak to NEXUS on leadership topics, the topics we believe every leader must master. The speaker share what they have learned from their past experiences.

Opening Retreat at Victory Ranch
August 13 & 14, 2010
"Your Leadership Strengths"

September 16, 2010
"Mentoring"
Beverly C. Robertson, President, National Civil Rights Museum

October 14, 2010
"Motivating"
Madan Birla, Author, Founder & President, Innovation Culture Group

November 4, 2010

Speakers & Session Dates

NEXUS Class of 2010

September 10, 2009
"Leading Through Change"
Micah D. Greenstein, Senior Rabbi, Temple Israel

October 1, 2009
"Motivating by Mentoring"
Tomeka Hart, President & CEO, Memphis Urban League, Inc.

November 5, 2009
"Funding"
Susan S. Stephenson, Co-Chair & President, Independent Bank

December 3, 2009
"Planning"
Tom Schmitt, President & CEO, FedEx Global Supply Chain Services

January 14, 2010
"Asking"
Bobb Biehl, Executive Mentor, Masterplanning Group

February 4, 2010
"Building"
Interactive Panel with Community Leaders in Non-profit, Corporate & Education Sectors

March 4, 2010
"Ethical Decision Making"
Sandy Willson, Senior Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church

April 22, 2010
"Dreaming"
Gordon MacDonald, Author & Speaker

May 6, 2010

"Leading Through Change"
Meri Armour, President & CEO, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital

December 2, 2010
"Dreaming & Implementing"
Lyman Aldrich, Community Leader & Founder of Memphis in May

January 13, 2011
"Communicating"
Bryan Jordan, President & CEO, First Horizon National Corporation

February 3, 2011
"Asking"
Bobb Biehl, Executive Mentor, Masterplanning Group

March 3, 2011
"Ethical Decision Making"
Sandy Willson, Senior Minister, Second Presbyterian Church

April 7, 2011
"Building"
Sam Wolgemuth, Consultant & Executive Coach, Operating Partner, Tri-Artisan Capital Partners

May 5, 2011--Graduation
"Focusing"
Bobb Biehl, Executive Mentor, Masterplanning Group

Spirit of Memphis

NEXUS is a community partner for the Spirit of Memphis events. The University of Memphis MILE program has created the Spirit of Memphis, which is a series of pep rallies for the City of Memphis that will turn the tide of self-esteem for our citizens. Visit

www.spiritofmemphis.org for more information and a list of city-wide events April 8-10. Some of the exciting events planned are: Memphis Zoo Teton Trek Concert, Beale Street Block Party, Morning of Service City Beautiful Clean-up, Memphis Grizzlies Plaza Pep Rally and Game, Memphis Symphony Orchestra Performance and much more. The weekend events are centered around the three themes of favorite music, favorite food and what you love about Memphis. Show your love for our great city and attend any of the events scheduled or create your own event!



NEXUS Alumni Spotlight

The NEXUS Alumni spotlight is on **Mathis Young**. Mathis participated in NEXUS as a protégé in the Class of 2008. Shortly after his NEXUS experience Mathis made a career change from working in the banking industry to owning his own company, Aussie Pet Mobile - Memphis. To learn more about Aussie Pet Mobile visit www.doggroomingmemphis.com.



Q-Why did you participate in NEXUS?

A-In two words, to learn. I wanted to learn what made successful people, successful people. They say that you learn from your mistakes which is true,

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but why not learn from others who have already made those mistakes and let them teach you about them? I also wanted to meet people in Memphis who make a difference.

Q-What did you learn from your NEXUS experience and how has that benefited you?

A-Most of all I learned that Memphis is filled with very caring people that are not afraid to help others. But I also believe that you truly don't understand the impact of something like NEXUS for years to come. Yes, I know NEXUS has benefited me tremendously, but trying to put my finger on how exactly it's benefited me thus far can be hard. It's kind of like childhood; you don't really know how it's affected you until many years later, you just know it's affected you. And that's how I feel about NEXUS.

Q-Did NEXUS impact your decision to make a career change?

A-I think what NEXUS did was open my eyes to the many opportunities out there. There were so many people in so many different businesses and from so many walks of life that just sitting down and conversing with them impacted me. I remember thinking that if so- and-so can do this and so-and-so can do that, then I can do it too! Being around other successful people probably had the biggest impact.

Q-What was a highlight of your NEXUS experience?

A-The people and the speakers. The participants in NEXUS are just so blessed to hear such high quality speakers and learn from them. The presenters are accustomed to speaking nationally and internationally to large audiences and provide such valuable information. But learning about and from the mentors and protégés is what really strikes me when I look back.

GIVE BACK TO NEXUS

In May, we will graduate the NEXUS Class of 2010. This means that by this summer, there will be a total of more than 450 NEXUS-trained, principle-centered leaders out in our community, all trying to make a difference!

As you should know, NEXUS relies on individual donations from alumni and supporters. Therefore, you know the challenge that we are facing in these trying economic times. For this reason, it is paramount that we get some level of support, big or small, from each and every NEXUS participant. You make the difference! We still have funds to raise by June 30 in order to cover our financial obligations, so on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to ask you to consider making a gift that is appropriate to your own charitable giving plan. It is of great significance that our alumni continue to support NEXUS.

You may make a donation online at www.nexusleaders.org or send a donation to NEXUS, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111.

Andy McArtor, Class of 2003
NEXUS Development and Board Member

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