

Calendar of Events

December 9, 2025

Coffee & Connection

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Grab your favorite beverage and join us for Coffee & Connection, a casual one-hour Zoom session hosted by ALP's Membership Director, Zoë Lewis-Monkman.

This is the perfect opportunity for new and existing members to connect, ask questions, and learn more about the benefits of being part of the ALP community. Zoë will answer questions, share insights about ALP's resources and programs while providing tips to help you make the most of your membership.

Whether you're looking to network, deepen your involvement, or simply get to know the ALP team, this laid-back session is a great way to start. Let's build connections and spark ideas together—one cup of coffee at a time!

Don't miss this chance to connect, collaborate, and caffeinate with Zoë and fellow ALP members!

September 15, 2025

BIPOC Leaders Affinity Group

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST

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Chamber Based Programs Affinity Group

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September 22, 2025

Flagship Affinity Group

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September 23, 2025

Leadership Connections | Design Like a Pro: Canva Training for Leadership Professionals

Virtual Event - Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST

Join us for a dynamic 60-minute virtual training session designed exclusively for ALP members. Whether you're leading a small team or building your own professional brand, strong design skills can elevate your communication, increase engagement, and help you lead with impact.

In this hands-on session, we'll explore the essentials of Canva—a powerful, user-friendly design platform perfect for creating professional presentations, social media graphics, reports, and more. Participants will gain practical tips and techniques to streamline their creative process, strengthen their visual storytelling, and produce polished, on-brand content without the need for advanced design experience.

Key Takeaways:

Navigate Canva's features and templates to save time and boost efficiency

Apply design best practices for clear, professional, and impactful visuals

Leave with ready-to-use strategies for presentations, marketing, and personal branding

About the Speaker:

Lauren Mitchell is a dynamic marketing and communications professional with expertise in brand strategy, campaign development, and digital engagement. As Director of Marketing & Communications at Business High Point – Chamber of Commerce, she has driven measurable growth in brand recognition, member engagement, and media visibility through strategic multi-channel campaigns and creative storytelling. With international experience and dual master's degrees in Global Luxury & Innovation Management from NC State University and SKEMA Business School, Lauren brings a global perspective to local impact. Lauren is deeply committed to community advancement, serving on multiple nonprofit boards and marketing committees, while mentoring the next generation of leaders.

September 26, 2025

Ambassador Meeting

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

October 6, 2025

Pacesetters

03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

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October 7, 2025

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October 13, 2025

ALP CLOSED | US Federal Holiday

ALP Closed in Observation of Federal Holiday

October 20, 2025

Chamber Based Programs Affinity Group

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October 20, 2025

ALP Board Meeting

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Accreditation Committee

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October 21, 2025

Alumni Engagement Affinity Group

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Leadership Connections | Tech-Powered Leadership: Running a Program with Just Two Employees

Virtual Event - Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

After taking over a flagship program, entrepreneurs John Meyer and Morgan Larson transformed Leadership South Dakota into a tech-powered, nimble nonprofit. Running a leadership development program with a small team can be challenging, but with the right systems, technology, and strategy, it's possible to maximize impact while staying lean. This session will show how they manage and grow their program with just two part-time employees by leveraging automation, AI, low-code tools, and streamlined processes. Attendees will learn practical strategies to scale programs, including automating administrative tasks, enhancing participant engagement, and using AI for content creation and decision-making.

This session will also explore essential tools for managing workflows, tracking outcomes, and enhancing program delivery, all without needing a tech team. Through real-world examples and actionable insights, this session will provide program leaders with a roadmap to running an efficient, scalable leadership initiative.

Whether you're launching a new program or refining an existing one, you'll leave with actionable steps to improve efficiency, reduce burnout, and focus on what matters most - developing impactful leaders.

About the Speakers:

John T. Meyer is a passionate leader, entrepreneur, and coach committed to helping others reach their full potential. As the Executive Director of Leadership South Dakota, he designs transformative experiences that empower leaders across the state to discover, connect, and make a lasting impact. He also coaches founders and CEOs through his company, Leadmore, guiding them in scaling their businesses and refining their leadership. Previously, he co-founded Lemonly, a design firm that has worked with global brands like Netflix, Marriott, Major League Baseball, and Google. As CEO, he built an amazing company culture, earning national recognition as one of the "best places to work." John lives in Sioux Falls with his wife, Paige, and their daughters, Margot and Liv.

Morgan Larson is a strategist and communicator dedicated to developing leaders and deepening connections across South Dakota. As the Program & Communications Manager for Leadership South Dakota, she designs transformative leadership experiences and leads communications efforts to strengthen engagement with participants, alumni, and stakeholders. Morgan has built her career in communications, business development, and event management, working with Fortune 100 companies, nonprofits, and startups to foster growth and connection. A lifelong South Dakotan, she lives in rural Lake Preston with her husband, Eric, and their son, Porter.

October 27, 2025

Flagship Affinity Group

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October 31, 2025

Ambassador Meeting

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November 3, 2025

Pacesetters

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November 10, 2025

Development Affinity Group

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November 10, 2025

ALP Executive Committee

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

November 11, 2025

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November 17, 2025

BIPOC Leaders Affinity Group

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November 17, 2025

Chamber Based Programs Affinity Group

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November 21, 2025

Ambassador Meeting

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November 24, 2025

Flagship Affinity Group

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November 28, 2025

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December 1, 2025

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December 8, 2025

ALP Board Meeting

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST

December 15, 2025

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December 19, 2025

- January 4, 2026

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December 22, 2025

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Leadership Connections | Designing Experiences That Stick: Unlocking Lasting Engagement
Virtual Event - Zoom

01:00 PM - 02:30 PM EST

Curating events and experiences in your community can be time-consuming and overwhelming. How can you ensure your efforts inspire meaningful, lasting engagement? This interactive workshop provides actionable strategies to help you maximize the impact of your events, drawing on decades of experience designing community programs and insights from a global study on what makes volunteer experiences meaningful. Through hands-on activities, group discussions, and practical examples, workshop attendees will explore:

How to spark receptivity: Address participant needs upfront to set the stage for deeper engagement.

What makes experiences truly meaningful: Design moments that connect participants to your mission and create lasting impact.

The secrets to inclusive spaces: Apply techniques from the arts to foster creativity, collaboration, and trust.

How to leverage feedback: Turn participant input into opportunities for stronger relationships and greater impact.

Don't miss this session if you want to walk away with key insights and tools you can immediately use to create experiences that strengthen your mission and inspire ongoing involvement!

About the Speaker: Beth Outland serves as the Vice President of Leadership Indianapolis. For over 30 years, Beth's career and civic engagement have focused on building community through creative experience design, innovative programming, and strategic problem solving. Prior to coming to Leadership Indianapolis, Beth served as the Vice President for Community Engagement and Strategic Innovation at the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. Fueled by a lifelong passion for the arts and a desire to support an inclusive, equitable, and thriving community, she is committed to building connections across sectors to catalyze personal, professional, and community development.

Beth's civic leadership roles include serving on the boards of Leadership Indianapolis and Centric and on the steering committees of Spirit and Place, TEDx Indianapolis, and the Music Crossroads Initiative. Beth is an alumna of the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Program, class XXVIII, and was granted Creative Renewal Fellowships by the Arts Council of Indianapolis in 2005 and 2013. Beth became a company member of ComedySportz Indianapolis in 2014, where she has performed, coached youth programs, and led corporate workshops applying the skills of improvisation to address business challenges.