Calendar of Events

July 21, 2025

Leadership Recharged: Advancing Effectiveness through RQ and Strategic Rest Hilton Fort Worth 815 Main St Fort Worth, TX 76102 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST Leadership is more than managing tasks. It is about fostering meaningful connections, sustaining energy, and leading with impact. Yet, burnout, disengagement, and leadership fatigue are real threats to effectiveness. What if the key to unlocking sustainable success lies in both relationship intelligence (RQ) and strategic rest?

In this interactive workshop, Dr. Erin Wilson, co-author of Strategic Rest in Leadership, introduces the NAP Framework (Nurture, Assess, Prioritize) alongside core principles of Relationship Intelligence (RQ) to help leaders elevate their effectiveness. Through hands-on activities, insightful discussions, and real-world applications, attendees will discover how integrating rest and relational awareness into their leadership approach fosters higher engagement, stronger decision-making, and greater team resilience.

Whether you're looking to enhance team performance, build trust, or sustain high-impact leadership, this session will equip you with practical tools and a personalized recharging strategy to bring back to your organization. Walk away with actionable insights that will help you lead with clarity, connection, and confidence.

WHO IT'S FOR

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Facilitator: Erin Wilson, Ed. D | Design Ideal Consulting

Dr. Erin Wilson, CEO and principal consultant of Design Ideal Consulting, is passionate about helping individuals and teams unlock their full potential through relationship intelligence and intentional leadership practices. With more than a decade of experience in leadership, learning and development, and community engagement, Erin has designed and facilitated team-building workshops and staff retreats for organizations and universities nationwide and internationally.

Dr. Wilson is a certified Core Strengths, The Five Behaviors, and Everything DiSC partner, equipping her with the tools and expertise to guide teams toward improved communication, collaboration, and performance. She is also the co-founder of the Strategic Rest Summit, a transformative experience designed to help leaders prioritize well-being and sustainable success.

Inspired by the power of strategic rest, Erin co-authored Strategic Rest in Leadership, a groundbreaking book that empowers leaders to cultivate clarity, resilience, and creativity through intentional rest. Building on the principles in her book, she co-hosts Power NAP, a live show that explores the intersection of rest, creativity, and leadership, offering practical insights and inspiration for viewers.

As a thought leader in organizational growth, she holds a doctorate in Organizational Leadership and a master's in Human Development and Leadership.

When she's not guiding teams toward excellence, Erin enjoys exploring new destinations with her husband, Frederick, and spending time with her beloved pitty, Harley Quinn. Her work continues to inspire leaders to embrace innovation, connection_{Page 1/19} and sustainable success.

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Connecting Across Difference Hilton Fort Worth 815 Main St Fort Worth, TX 76102 10:00 AM - 02:00 PM EST

Are you looking for practical, effective ways to foster a welcoming culture in your organization? Do you want actionable strategies to help your team engage constructively across differences in background, identity, and perspective?

Civity, a national nonprofit organization, has been working with leaders for over ten years to strengthen 'social muscle'—cultivating relationships of respect, empathy, and trust across difference.

Workshop participants walk away with actionable, research-backed strategies that seamlessly integrate into their work. More than just a workshop, this experience provides leaders with tools to build trust and foster meaningful relationships that last far beyond the session.

Our interactive workshop blends plenary discussions, personal reflection, and one-on-one storytelling, helping leaders practice intentional relational engagement—connecting both head and heart to build authentic common ground.

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Facilitators: Malka Ranjana Kopell & Lucy Lantis, Civity

Malka Ranjana Kopell, a graduate of Leadership San Francisco, is Co-Founder and CEO of Civity. She has more than 30 years' experience facilitating public policy conflict resolution and community engagement processes. Malka also served as a program officer for the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, was the founding managing director of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at Stanford University, and is a senior associate with the Program on Consensus and Collaboration at California State University, Sacramento. She holds a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University and a B.A. from Stanford University.

Lucy Lantis is an entrepreneur, a Fulbright scholar, and an organizational facilitator. For over a decade, she worked in the world of international higher education. Today, she helps organizations create a culture of belonging through her work with Civity and beyond. She holds a Masters Degree in Conflict Resolution from Dominican University and a B.A. from Creighton University. July 21, 2025

Legends of the Stockyards Walking Food Tour Meeting Point TBD - Fort Worth Stockyards

11:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST

Explore the iconic Fort Worth Stockyards through the lens of multicultural cowboy history. The Fort Worth Stockyards are synonymous with cowboy culture, but the reality of the American West was far more diverse than Hollywood ever depicted.

On this engaging two-hour walking tour, we'll explore the multicultural legacy of the Stockyards, uncovering the untold stories of Black cowboys, Mexican vaqueros, Native American traders, and the many immigrant communities that helped shape Texas ranching, cattle drives, and Western expansion.

Beyond history, this tour will also highlight the foodways of the Old West. What did cowboys actually eat on the trail? How did ranching traditions influence Texas barbecue? What foods did different cultural groups introduce that are still staples today?

You'll sample hearty, history-rich foods as we stop at local Stockyards eateries, enjoying tastes inspired by the past while learning about the deep connections between Fort Worth's cowboy culture and its culinary traditions.

Duration: Two hours

Cost: \$60

Departure Time: 11:00 AM CT

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August 22, 2025

The JFK Tour
Pick-Up & Drop-Off at Hilton Fort Worth
815 Main St
Fort Worth, TX 76102
09:00 AM - 01:00 PM EST
Take a short road trip from our conference hotel in Fort Worth, where JFK spent his last night alive, to Dallas where you'll visit the grounds of Dealey Plaza, the famous Sixth Floor Museum, and follow the trail of the assassination events. Spellbinding details and the background story leading up to November 22 and beyond will fascinate and captivate you, providing new insight into this tragic, human drama.
Duration: Approximately four hours, including travel time from Fort Worth to Dallas
Cost: \$100
Time: 9:00 AM CT - 1:00 PM CT
Points of Interest on this tour include:
John F. Kennedy Memorial Plaza
Greyhound Bus Station, City Jail
Trace JFK Motorcade Route through Dallas
Dealey Plaza, School Depository
Grassy Knoll
Oswald Rooming House, Neely House J. D. Tippit's assassination site
Texas Theater, Bishop Arts District
Please note: To move forward with this experience, we need to reach a minimum number of registrants. Once we hit that threshold, we will send invoices and officially confirm your participation. If you're planning to join us, please register as soon as possible to help ensure this exciting opportunity moves forward. We appreciate your enthusiasm and look forward to exploring history together!
Coffee & Connection
11:00 AM - 12:00 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!
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July 21, 2025 - July 24, 2025	2025 ALP National Conference Detailed Schedule on Conference Webpage We are thrilled to announce that the 2025 Association of Leadership Programs National Conference will be held in Fort Worth, Texas! Known as the city of "Cowboys and Culture," Fort Worth perfectly blends the spirit of the Old West with a thriving modern arts and cultural scene, making it an ideal setting for our annual gathering. From the iconic Stockyards National Historic District, where you can experience the legacy of cowboys and rodeos, to the world-class museums in the Cultural District showcasing art, history, and science, Fort Worth offers something for everyone.
	This dynamic city, with its unique mix of Western heritage and contemporary flair, will provide an inspiring and unforgettable backdrop for our conference. Mark your calendars and get ready to immerse yourself in the rich experiences that Fort Worth has to offer, from its vibrant downtown, diverse culinary scene, and warm Texan hospitality. Learn more here.
August 4, 2025	Pacesetters 03:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST Lura Hammond, info@alpleaders.org A Pacesetter Membership is a select level of membership specially designed for ALP members who are the most progressivethose who serve as the models and exemplars of the industry. A Pacesetter is someone who thinks two steps ahead, not where we are today but where we should be in the future.
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December 8, 2025	ALP Board Meeting 02:00 PM - 03:30 PM EST
December 15, 2025	BIPOC Leaders Affinity Group 12:00 PM - 01:00 PM EST A key ALP member benefit is connecting virtually with other members via Affinity Groups on a specific topic of interest. An ALP member/champion facilitates these ongoing, intact groups. Members of the
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December 15, 2025	 Accreditation Committee 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM EST Lura Hammond, info@alpleaders.org Accreditation strengthens community confidence and affirms an organization's commitment to delivering the highest quality service and programming. In alignment with these goals, the Association of Leadership Programs (ALP) has formed an exploratory Accreditation Committee to support the development of an accreditation process for Community Leadership Program is unique, accreditation confirms competency, sustainability, compliance, and adherence to recognized best practices. It distinguishes organizations from competitors, builds goodwill, and supports funding efforts. The Accreditation Committee will gather on the third Monday of each month at 1:00 PM ET. This effort is being championed by Tara Sargent (Leadership Washington County) and Sasha Smith (Leadership North Houston). For more information, please contact Lura Hammond at info@alpleaders.org.
December 19, 2025 - January 4, 2026	ALP CLOSED Winter Break ALP Closed for Winter Break
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