

CEO Connect

*Connecting Nashville's
business leaders for success.*

We know that the most powerful learning comes through relationships, and we know that social and cultural capital are often the difference-makers for realizing one's potential. CEO Connect, a six-month executive leadership program for emerging business leaders taught by 18 of Nashville's top CEOs, offers you the unique opportunity to rub shoulders with executive leaders who will offer their stories and experiential wisdom on various aspects of good leadership.

Purpose

To connect Nashville's top executives with emerging business leaders in a highly relational and powerful leadership learning experience. This selective program pairs CEOs around nine executive leadership competencies and enhances learning through interactive and challenging sessions in our new downtown Spark location.

Audience

Limited to 25 emerging business leaders nominated by other executives. After nomination, participants apply and are admitted into the program by a selection committee. The program begins with a day-long retreat and is six months long.

Program Structure

- Begins in late August and ends in February.
- Each session goes from 8 a.m. to noon and is located at Spark: Lipscomb's Idea Center on 4th and Commerce in Downtown Nashville.
- There are nine sessions with CEOs, the kickoff retreat and a closing dinner.
- Convenient and easy parking available.

Curricular Model for the Program



Learning Methods

- Each session is facilitated by Spark’s director of executive programs with special guests to ensure continuity of learning across sessions
- You will engage in discussions with CEOs, be challenged with case studies, participate in group problem-solving and develop a personal synthesis of learning to present at the final dinner.

Outcomes and Benefits of the Program

You will...

- Build a network of CEOs and professional peers to enhance the success and significance of your career.
- Synthesize your understanding of the practice of leadership within an executive leadership competency and skill framework.
- Increase self-awareness and intentionality of your career through exposure to CEO career stories, values and lessons learned.
- Discover your own strengths and weaknesses through personal assessment and executives sharing wisdom on the various aspects of leadership.

- Reflect on your own leadership challenges at work relative to competencies and skills of the program.
- Communicate your learning and growth to CEOs and sponsors within your own organizations.

Cost of the Program

- \$3,000 — includes all materials and meals.

Nomination Process

- Visit lipscomb.edu/spark/ceo-connect-nomination for the CEO Connect nomination form.
- Spark will contact the nominated individual with information about the program and application.
- You will be notified about the application and acceptance into the CEO Connect program.

Contact



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Our Inaugural CEO Connect faculty includes:

Tom Cigarran (Nashville Predators/Healthways) • Rob McNeilly (SunTrust) • Janet Miller (Colliers International)
Ronald Roberts (DVL Seigenthaler) • Sharon Roberson (YWCA) • Randy Goodman (Sony Music)
Barry Stowe (Jackson Life/Prudential) • Greg Sandfort (Tractor Supply Co.) • Ron Samuels (Fmr. Avenue Bank)
Joelle Phillips (AT&T Tennessee) • Tom Ingram (The Ingram Group)

“CEO Connect is an exceptional program that Lipscomb is bringing to the business community in its new downtown Spark. It is an outstanding opportunity for aspiring leaders to engage in dialogue with executives who can offer wisdom borne out of the victories, challenges and mistakes we’ve made along the way. This program is going to make a difference in Nashville!”

Janet Miller, CEO Colliers International