



# TAKING THE LEAD ...



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## ***How do you define leadership?***

To me, leadership is a process of working with others to achieve a successful outcome.

## ***What leader inspires you and why?***

The late John Wooden. I have read several of his books, and was fortunate enough to have met him many years ago. Despite being the winningest coach ever, he prided himself on developing his players' character. He developed a pyramid of success which he feels are building blocks that lead to success in life, where he defines success as peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you did the best of which you are capable.

## ***What is your favorite thing about being a leader?***

My favorite thing about being a leader is the sense of satisfaction I get when others succeed.

## ***What is your favorite leadership quote?***

"Be quick, but don't hurry."

- John Wooden

## ***In your opinion, what is the best trait a successful leader should have?***

In my organization, we developed a saying, "serving others to make lives better". Successful leaders are always looking for ways to make others better.

## ***What leadership advice would you give a new emerging professional?***

You will make mistakes. A great leader studies and learns from their mistakes.

## ***What is your go-to hobby or pastime?***

I love being active. As I write this in January, you can often find me skiing. During the warm months, I enjoy golf. Year round I try to be in the gym or on the Peloton a few days a week.

## ***What is your most memorable vacation?***

It is a toss up between my honeymoon in Hawaii, or our family trip to a dude ranch in Montana a few summers ago.

## ***If you were not in your current role, what would your dream career/job be and why?***

Middle linebacker in the NFL.

## ***What would you say to someone considering getting involved in LHC?***

Just do it! You will make great friends, and learn things about your community that you never otherwise would.