



# TAKING THE LEAD ...



## **Meet Brendan Mahoney, Leadership Premier 2018**

Brendan has served on the LHC Board since 2019 and Chairs both LHC's Sponsorship and Big Event Committees.

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

Actions an individual takes to inspire, influence, and assist a team or group of people to come together and achieve a common goal or vision.

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

There are so many incredible leaders so I can't select one, but I do find a lot of inspiration from many of our decorated historic military leaders. Their resolve and resiliency to bring a group of men and women together, lead them through extreme crisis, and nearly insurmountable pressure and reach incredible feats is something I truly admire.

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

Seeing the growth and development of an individual and/or team you lead as they achieve ambitious goals, and take strides to evolve into leaders themselves. This can be a long arduous process, which makes it all the more sweeter as they develop into leaders.

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

"Leadership is lifting a person's vision to high sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations."

—Peter Drucker

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

Communication, communication, communication. Being effective through all facets of communication, and especially taking the time to be an active listener with your peers, employees, and advisors, is a critical trait, in my opinion, to be a successful leader.

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

Often times, we're able to grow professionally by extending outside of our comfort zone. We can lose sight of great opportunities for the fear of failing or trying something new but, in reality that's how we learn and grow. Always evaluate the ways you can extend yourself to grow professionally. Be accountable and honest with yourself on the steps you're taking to get where you want to be.

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**Brendan Mahoney, '18** (continued)

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

LHC is an organization that thrives on connecting people and organizations passionate about growing their professional network and contributing to the community. LHC is a great gateway to help you establish and grow long-standing business and community relationships, and will provide ample opportunity for you to take your place in our local community and contribute to it in incredibly meaningful ways.

***What are your go-to hobbies or pastimes?***

Coaching youth sports, especially my son's soccer and baseball teams. Experiencing the energy and fun these kids have playing a game they enjoy is priceless, and it becomes even more sweeter when they finally score that goal, or get that big hit after months of practice and hard work.

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

An Ireland vacation with my wife, spending a week traveling throughout the country. We had the opportunity to visit where my ancestors lived hundreds of years ago, and stayed at local B&B's in historic countryside towns and seaside villages. The locals were incredibly friendly and welcoming, and there was no shortage of Pubs and good live music. Guinness for Strength!

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

I have a thrill for competition and a passion for sports, especially baseball. In another life, I would welcome leading a collegiate baseball or softball team. Young adults can learn many important life skills through team competition, while playing something they enjoy. It can help prepare them for many of life's challenges and opportunities they'll eventually encounter. As someone who experienced this firsthand, I would welcome the opportunity to give back in that respect and share the valuable lessons I've learned from some incredible coaches I was fortunate to play for.