



TAKING THE LEAD ...



Meet Suzi Padgett, LP '16, Vice President/Branch Manager, Long & Foster Realtors

How do you define leadership?

The capacity and will to inspire others towards a common purpose and goal.

What leader inspires you and why?

There are so many inspiring leaders in our own community. I'm especially inspired by the student leaders. It helps me be optimistic about the future and strive to be better.

What is your favorite thing about being a leader?

It keeps me focused on personal growth.

What is your favorite leadership quote?

Leadership is an action, not a position.

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

Great leaders are effective communicators.

What leadership advice would you give a new emerging professional?

Listen more than talk, know yourself and find what you are passionate about. Spend time with leaders in your community that you respect and trust.

What would you say to someone considering getting involved with LHC?

Being a part of the LHC family has been consistently rewarding personally and professionally. The friendships I have gained, and the opportunities I have had to be a part of positive impact on local families have provided renewed energy and fulfillment.

What are your go-to hobbies or pastimes?

Anything that involves being outside in nature.

What is your most memorable vacation?

3 weeks in Italy... beautiful scenery, wonderful history and we met so many fabulous people.

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

I would LOVE to be a travel writer, see all parts of the world and share that with others.