



2018 SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, February 22: A Look at Leadership Panel Discussion: Sharing Leadership Lessons Along the Way

Chip Crunk, CEO of RJ Young

Brad Southern, CEO of Louisiana Pacific

Julie May, CEO and Founder of Bytes of Knowledge

Moderator: Dr. Bob Fisher, President, Belmont University

Time: 7am – 9am

Friday, March 23: Ari Wallach, Futurist: The LongPath: The Future of Your Company, Your Industry, and the World

Ari Wallach challenges the perception that "the future" is solely a technology-fueled project occurring at some far off point in time. By exploring the underpinnings of civilizational potential over the ages he shows the future is actually manifesting right now -- and that it is very much human. Wallach founded [Synthesis Corp.](#) in 2008 with the belief that individuals, organizations and leaders have more power to shape what comes next than they realize. Synthesis Corp. has created and built full-scale future focused innovation labs and strategies for organizations ranging from CNN and the US State Department to Auburn Seminary and the Pew Research Center. Most recently, Wallach and his team created and launched the global innovation lab for the [UN Refugee Agency](#) as well as their US focused [The Hive](#). As founder of *Fast Company* magazine's "FastCo Futures with Ari Wallach," Wallach convenes and hosts conversations with world-changing thinkers and doers focused on future-proofing their business. As an adjunct Professor at Columbia University, Wallach lectures on the impact of technology on intertemporally resilient public policy and democratic institution building. In the summer of 2017, [Longpath](#) will launch as a networked action-tank focused on helping individuals and organizational leaders make critical decisions that take into account transgenerational impact.

Time: 7am – 9am

Thursday, April 19: Jody Thompson: Results-Only Work Environment, and author of *Why Work Sucks and How to Fix It*.

Cali Ressler and Jody Thompson are the co-Founders of CultureRx®, a professional services firm specializing in designing and executing **robust change management plans** for clients that wish to successfully manage their businesses regardless of where employees are working from. Ressler and Thompson have co-authored two **best-selling books** on revolutionizing the workplace and the practice of management, *Why Work Sucks and How to Fix It* and *Why Managing Sucks and How to Fix It*. Along with their many accomplishments, they have been featured on the covers of BusinessWeek, Workforce Management Magazine, HR Magazine, and HR Executive Magazine, as well as in the New York Times, TIME Magazine, USA Today, and on Good Morning America, CNBC, MSNBC and CNN. In 2003 Thompson and Ressler created the Results-Only Work Environment™ (ROWE™) system as a solid business platform that soon gained enormous global traction, successfully launching *the* contemporary work culture that infuses equal amounts of autonomy and accountability. For more than a decade, organizations that have consulted with Ressler and Thompson have experienced increased productivity, real estate cost savings, higher levels of customer satisfaction, and lowered voluntary turnover rates. Managers and employees, as a result of work with Ressler and Thompson, experience transformed relationships with each other, one based on trust, accountability, and results – never on physical location of either party.

Time: 7am – 9am

Tuesday, May 22: Micro Session limited to the first 40 registrants: Why Companies Relocate to Nashville, and How to Embrace New Companies as they Transition to Our Community

Submit your questions to this micro learning session on relocation, led by area recently moved to our city. We will take your questions in advance and send these to the panelists to prepare for an open conversation and Q&A with our members.

Wanda Lyle, Managing Director/GM, UBS Nashville Business Solution Center & Americas Head of Employee Conduct

Ken Williams, CFO, Warner Music Group

Bryan Mayes, Nashville Head of Engineering, Eventbrite

Time: 11:30am – 1pm

June 27/28: Micro Session - Future of Tech: Cryptocurrency, Artificial Intelligence

Time: 7am – 9am

Wednesday, August 15: Half-Day Workshop: Mastering the Rockefeller Habits, Andy Bailey, CEO of Petra

Andy Bailey can cut through organization BS faster than a hot knife through butter, showing organizations the logjams thwarting their success and coaching them past the excuses we all use to avoid doing what needs to be done. He doesn't ask for what's easy, only what's possible, and with his assistance the possible often expands to include the formerly impossible, as organizations learn that one step at a time gets you a long way when you step up to the challenge every day. After all, as he tells his clients 100% annual growth is only 2% growth every week. It's not easy. But certainly possible. Andy learned how to build great organizations by building a great business, which he started in college then, grew into an Inc. 500 multi-million dollar national company that he successfully sold and exited. He founded Petra to pass on to other entrepreneurs, business owners and leaders the principles and practices he used to build his successful enterprise, which are rooted in the Rockefeller Habits methodology.

Time: 7am breakfast, 7:30am – 11:30am workshop

Wednesday, September 26: Kelli Hinshaw, No Ego, How Leaders Can Cut the Cost of Workplace Drama, End Entitlement, and Drive Big Results.

The average employee spends 2.5 hours per day on drama.

Ego-driven behaviors are the #1 source of drama in workplaces today, and it's costing organizations billions annually. The philosophy of "perfecting the environment" to create employee engagement just feeds the ego and generates huge amounts of drama and emotional waste. It is high time for a modern leadership philosophy that provides simple tools and techniques to eliminate drama from our organizations, deliver up employees who say yes to what's next, and cultivate accountability, not engagement, to drive big business results.

Time: 7am – 9am

Wednesday, October 24 – Carey Lohrenz, first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Navy: High Performing Teams and developing a Culture of Learning

As the first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot in the U.S. Navy, having flown missions worldwide as a combat-mission-ready United States Navy pilot, Carey Lohrenz is used to working in fast moving, dynamic environments, where inconsistent execution can generate catastrophic results. The same challenges are found in business: markets change, customer needs evolve and if you do not adapt quickly your company is at risk. Carey shares her fascinating experiences operating in one of the world's most challenging environments – an aircraft carrier. She is uniquely qualified in the fundamentals of winning under pressure, reducing errors and overcoming obstacles. Her mastery of these fundamentals can help your team triumph in this high-risk, time crunched world. Carey is a powerhouse in the field of delivering engaging Leadership, High Performing Organizations and Diversity Training that directly impacts a company's ROI and bottom line. Her experience in the all-male environment of fighter aviation and her ability to pass on the Lessons Learned in her career allow her to deliver insight and guidance.

Time: 11:30am – 1pm

Friday, November 16: Afshin Molavi, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute at Johns Hopkins University SAIS and Co-Director, emerge85 Lab, International Economic Outlook

Afshin Molavi stands at the intersection of the most vital issues shaping the future of our world today: the rise of emerging markets, Middle East political and economic turmoil, and U.S. foreign, security and economic policy. From the halls of governments to corporate boardrooms and mainstream media, Molavi's distinguished global outlook helps business leaders of all kinds assess how key issues impacting our world will affect one's organization and industry. Currently a senior global advisor at Oxford Analytica and a regular contributor to the Daily Brief, Molavi is also a senior fellow at the New America Foundation, a non-partisan think tank, where he studies the links between economic development and democratization, with a special emphasis on the Middle East. Previously, as former director of the World Economic Roundtable, Molavi led an ambitious effort to re-map the global economy, focusing on "The New Silk Road as one of the great geopolitical opportunities of the 21st century.

Time: 7am – 9am

Thursday, December 6 or Friday, December 7: Fall Leadership Breakfast

Time: 6:30am – 9am

Location: Curb Event Center Arena