



Trainers & Koaches



Alan E. Nelson, Ed.D. is the Lead Trainer and founder of LeadYoung Institute and KidLead Inc. His doctorate is in leadership from the University of San Diego. He's taught at Pepperdine University and is currently an adjunct at USC Marshall School of Business, where he teaches leadership, plus human performance and motivation, and he's a Lecturer of Management at the Naval Postgraduate School. He's been married 36 years to Nancy and has 3 grown sons and 2 granddaughters. Dr. Nelson is the author of *The O Factor*, 20 other books and over 200 articles. He lives in Thousand Oaks.

Deborah Peters holds a Bachelor Degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University. As Deborah enters her 25th year at Las Virgenes Municipal Water District, she continues to provide District facility tours to students, from grade school to college, as well as scout groups and adult groups. One particular skill Deborah has is the ability to share the technical and scientific information at a level that is appropriate for any age to understand. Deborah enjoys sharing her enthusiasm, passion and excitement for photography, animals and the LA Kings with anyone and everyone she meets.



Andy Fox is the Mayor of Thousand Oaks (CA) and an assistant chief of the LA Fire Department. He has served on the city council since 1994 and is tied for the most times as mayor at 6. Andy has a BA in political science from Cal Lutheran and a Master's in Public Policy Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine School of Law, where he also serves as an adjunct professor. He and his wife have 8 children and 4 grandchildren. Andy has held a number of leadership positions in local politics and is an avid activist in the Conejo Valley and fan of young leader development.

Judy Powell has a BA in elementary education from the University of Illinois. She has taught students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in several cities and owned Carden School of Camarillo for 15 years where she was the principal/director and substitute teacher, primarily in grades 4 through 8. She has 2 grandsons living in New Jersey, ages 12 and 15. She is currently volunteering once a week in a 3rd grade at Conejo Elementary and teaching square dancing to 4th graders in Woodland Hills. She has traveled the world (including with middle school students), enjoys movies, wine tasting and golf.





Brian Buckley brings to coaching over 35 years of experience leading a national printing company located in Indiana. His coaching clients value and appreciate his direct experience with day-to-day operational issues and employee challenges. He is a graduate of the International Gestalt Coaching Program (ICF certified) in Cleveland, OH and completed several years of Gestalt Therapy Training at the Pacific Gestalt Institute. Brian has been coaching executives and senior management personnel since 2004. He received a BA in Political Philosophy from UC Santa Cruz in 1978. He resides in the LA area coaching and running the manufacturing company remotely.

Esther C. Bluel is the founder of Tough Talk Coach. Her background was in sales and marketing in the newspaper industry. Esther has Master's degrees in clinical psychology and dispute resolution from Pepperdine University and established a private practice as a psychotherapist. She formed Carson Consulting Company to provide coaching and training services to small and mid-sized businesses. Her ongoing interest is in the interactive dynamics between people — workplaces, families, friends, social groups, and partnership. She is also an adjunct professor at Pepperdine. Her professional affiliations include CAMFT, AAMFT, SCMA and is on the board of Stillpoint Family Resources.



Cody Thompson has long been fascinated by leadership, driving him to pursue a life in leadership development. After playing Div. 1 soccer at the University of Denver, he joined the men's soccer coaching staff at CSUN while earning a Master's of Public Administration with a focus on Public Sector Management and Leadership. He continued his collegiate coaching career with the Pepperdine University women's soccer program and has coached and mentored athletes at every level, from youth to professional. Having grown up in Westlake Village, he is eager to contribute to the development of the Conejo Valley's next exceptional leaders.

Olivia Becker is a psychology major with an emphasis in family and child development at California Lutheran University, where she is also a scholarship athlete. She grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, where she discovered her passion for teaching. She worked for Colorado State University as a section coach in the Middle School Outreach Ensemble for middle school clarinetists, student taught in a 4th grade classroom, tutored 5th graders in math, and worked as a personal mentor. Olivia is excited to coach tomorrow's leaders in practical skills for organizational leadership and learn from her students.



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