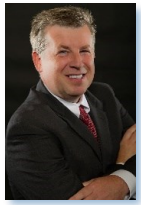


President's Address



I don't personally consider myself a great leader, but this series aims to share how my personal journey has shaped my unique leadership style. Let's begin with my first job in high school, selling shoes at a retail store. It wasn't a glamorous position, but it taught me the importance of understanding individual needs within a team. The shoe department manager provided clear guidance, treated everyone equally, and valued input from all employees. **This experience taught me to be authentic, treat others with respect, and communicate effectively.**

I later worked with maintenance staff, plowing snow and performing various tasks around a shopping center. Despite the nature of their job, they took pride in their work and inspired me to do my best, regardless of my position. **From this, I learned the importance of embracing any role and striving for excellence.**

Eventually, while in college, I transitioned to an entry-level IT role, where I stocked printer rooms and had the opportunity to work in the computer room. My manager emphasized punctuality, accuracy in inventories, and trusted us to fulfill our responsibilities. She provided training, checked in on our progress, and allowed us to grow. **This experience taught me the value of training employees and providing them with room for growth.**

During my time in the computer room, I discovered my passion for working in the network area and monitoring the Point-of-Sale system. Drawing on my retail store level experience, I brought a unique perspective to the network team and the importance of the network to our sales team. **This taught me that career paths can diverge from the norm, and it's important to allow individuals to pursue what truly motivates them.**

As I reflect on the start of my career, I am reminded of the invaluable lessons I learned from diverse experiences. Today's article highlighted the significance of those early experiences, which played a vital role in establishing a strong foundation for my journey towards leadership in the resilience discipline. Every day is a learning opportunity, if you keep your eyes open.

Chet Bojarski - ACP North Texas President

Events

This Month's Meeting

[Gainwell BCP Spotlight and Networking](#)

Tuesday, August 1st

Noon - 1:30 PM

Gainwell Technologies



(Click Image for Directions)

**Lunch Provided for
Pre-Registered Attendees**

Having Trouble Finding Meeting Information on EventBrite?

Check out [this link to an EventBrite Helpful Hints guide sheet](#). All Zoom and location information is included in the confirmation email and reminder emails sent from EventBrite. The ACP North Texas chapter set up an online event page with everything you need to know for the meetings.

Important Note: You must be REGISTERED and LOGGED IN to EventBrite to view all the meeting information.

ACP in Action!

We want to highlight our chapter members doing what they do best. Take a selfie or a group picture at your next event and send it to us to post on chapter social media sites. Don't forget to join and follow to see what other members are up to — [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

Speaking at a conference? Conducting an exercise? Managing a real interruption?
Attending or teaching a training class?

[Email](#) a couple of pictures and a brief explanation of what you're doing. Let us brag about your accomplishments and share your successes.

[More Information on Events](#)

Resources

Seeking Employment?

Leverage the benefits of your membership and get the word out!! Be highlighted in this section of next month's newsletter. [Email your name and contact information](#) (LinkedIn profile) to the Information and Education Director.

[More Information on Resources](#)

Membership

We Reached our 100+ Membership Chapter Goal!

Thank you for being a part of the North Texas chapter and participating in the drive to reach over 100 chapter members. As of July 31, we are the largest ACP chapter in the country with 103 active members!

Congratulations to **Martha Navarro!**

The contest winner of the All Access Pass to DRJ Fall 2023.



Welcome New Chapter Member

Max Orocio

Join the Chapter Board of Directors for 2024

Joining the 2024 North Texas Board is a great opportunity for you to help your chapter, the industry, and be able to add the experience of a board position to your career. If you are interested in running for a board position, please [send an email](#) or reach out directly to an existing board member or to our President with any questions.

[More Information on Membership](#)

In Other News

** Year End Event - Help Wanted **

The annual chapter year end event will be here before you know it. If you are interested in being a part of the event planning committee, you can volunteer by using this [link to SignUpGenius](#). Also, as we have done in the past, we would like to have gifts that can be given away in a raffle during the luncheon. If you or your company are interested in donating an item or two as a raffle gift, please [email Joel Navarro](#).



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