

THE RONALD W. REAGAN

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Dianne Lermann provides insight into the Reagan Leadership Program...

Dianne Lerman joined Eureka College as an Adjunct Professor of Business in the Fall of 2018. Her 40 year career as an Executive Leader, Non-profit Board Member as well as her passion for serving others and developing leaders made her a perfect choice to become the Director of the Ronald Reagan Leadership Program.

Since becoming the Director she has revamped the Reagan Leadership Program to provide a focus on goal setting, individualized coaching, professional mentoring and personal accountability.

Director Lerman has been a part of the last four Reagan Competitions. The last two were reengineered to be virtual, due to COVID. During the 2021-2022 year the Reagan Competition will be a combination of virtual and on-campus event. The dates are November 12-13 2021 and February 18-19 2022.

Currently EC has 17 Reagan Fellows. While international travel was limited, five completed Reagan Mentoring experiences in the Continental United States and South America's. Director Lerman and Professor Emily Eaton also traveled to Puerto Rico with 7 of the Reagan Fellows this past summer. Cultural experiences are important to the program and we are proud that this has continued, albeit modified, during the pandemic.

When asked about how alumni can get involved, Director Lerman indicated the Fellows need individuals willing to be mentors, or providing mentoring experiences. Alumni are the best and first choice for both these opportunities. She encourages students to reach out directly to alumni. There are also opportunities to be a part of Reagan weekend or speak to the Reagan Fellows at one of their monthly Reagan Rallies. She welcomes alumni to reach out to her directly if they are interested in getting involved.