Celebrating 10 years of offering training to enhance the integration of ethics in everything we do

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Student Leadership Institute participants with Jeff Landgrebe at JetBlue Airways

The Student Leadership Institute gives students an opportunity to explore ethical issues in a variety of professional fields. Teamwork, community service, and networking with guest speakers are integral to the program which is hosted by local businesses. Site hosts include Boeing, Halbert Hargrove, HCVT, and Target.

The first Nell and John Wooden Ethics in Leadership Award was presented to Coach Wooden in 2009 to celebrate his exemplary ethical leadership. Other award recipients include: Special Olympics Southern California, Ken Blanchard, Pat Haden, Governor George Deukmejian, Mohamed El-Erian, and Louis Zamperini.

Luke Zamperini accepting the 2015 Nell and John Wooden Ethics in Leadership Award from Greg Wooden, Louise Ukleja, Michael Solt, and Cynthia Graff
UKLEJA CENTER FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP

FACT SHEET

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Tag Line: We offer training to enhance the integration of ethics in everything we do

History: The Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership was created in 2005 as a university center housed in the College of Business Administration at California State University, Long Beach. The center offers training to enhance the integration of ethics in everything we do. With a goal of providing positive solutions to ethical challenges facing our society, it takes a three-pronged approach to applied ethics by focusing its initiatives on education, community outreach, and university research.

Initiatives: Education initiatives include a Student Leadership Institute, Ethics at The Beach, and Ethics Across the Curriculum. Community outreach efforts include the Nell and John Wooden Ethics in Leadership Award, Living Ethics Every Day seminar, and William Dickson Faculty Fellows program with a Leader-in-Residence component. University research has resulted in the publication of ethics articles in the Long Beach Business Journal, faculty roundtables, and stipends for ethics research.

Partnerships: The center is named for its founding donors, Louise and Mick Ukleja, long-time supporters of the CSULB campus and its programs. Other significant donors include Astro Aluminum Treating Company, Edison International, Lindora Clinic, SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union, and Signal Hill Petroleum. Organizations and individuals committed to promoting ethical leadership are welcome to participate as funding partners.

Governance: The Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership operates under the auspices of the California State University Long Beach Research Foundation, which is a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization. It is guided by a Governing Council comprised of influential community leaders who are passionate about the center’s mission, vision, and programs. Governing Council members are:

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