Managing Remote Teams:

Secrets and Stories on Managing Successful Virtual Teams

A Virtual Meeting:

Date: Thursday, September 24,, 2020
Time (Pacific Time) : 5:30PM to 6:00PM (Virtual Networking Session), 6:00PM to 8:00PM Presentation, Panel Discussion, Q&A

Zoom Webinar

Registration in advance on Zoom IS REQUIRED.

Is there anyone out there who is NOT working virtually? In the last several months, the world has shifted on its axis as to how we work: from sometimes remote to always remote.

Our distinguished panel will cover the best practices for success, a discussion on collaboration tools, the benefits and concerns on virtual work and how to avoid any pitfalls of virtual teams. You will come away with new approaches on how to manage a virtual team, what skill set is needed, what tools to use, issues to avoid and how to ensure success.

The evening will begin with a presentation on best practices by Margaret Meloni, a project management coach, then transition into a lively panel discussion. You'll have an opportunity to post questions for Q&A at the end.

Join us for insights on effective communication in remote environments. Leverage these tools and techniques to transform your business landscape.

ZOOM REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

LINK TO REGISTER

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpduigqDMqH9cVuKv_NNRCTJj1GzPHUmGt

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Margaret Meloni, MBA, PhD - Meloni Coaching Solutions

Dr. Margaret Meloni is the pmStudent.com community leader. pmStudent.com is devoted to helping you successfully navigate the art and science of project management.Her background in IT Project Management and PMO Leadership enables Margaret to understand the challenges you face in managing projects. A recipient of the UCLA Extension Distinguished Instructors award, her wish is to see her students take on tough projects and emerge as strong and sought-after project managers.

Patria Cabral - Global Product Director for Ria Financial

With over 20 years of experience as a user-centric Product Manager for a broad set of industries and enterprises, Patria brings extensive product development knowledge and a unique perspective to the ever-evolving digital business landscape. Currently serving as Global Product Director, Point-of-Sale Solutions at Ria Financial, Patria manages Product Managers in the Americas, Europe and Asia ensuring that Ria's proprietary web-based remittance point of sale system provides value to Ria agents and customers worldwide.

Aparna Suresh, PMP, CBAP, CSM, CSPO - Lead DevOps Analyst & Cloud Migration Process Lead, First American Title

Aparna Suresh has over 12 years of global business experience, in designing products, optimizing processes and delivering change management solutions at Fortune 500 companies, including Experian, GE Healthcare, Motorola and First American Title. She is currently a Lead DevOps Analyst & Cloud Migration Process Lead at First American Title, where she designs and enables ecosystems to migrate hundreds of applications to the cloud and strategizes and supports the management of cloud DevOps products such as cloud CICD platform, while focusing on prioritizing and delivering business value. She has championed change management processes including transitioning from Waterfall to Agile, creating a DevOps culture, and developing lean innovative practices like value stream management. Aparna holds graduate degrees in Engineering and Information Sciences (from University of Reading, England) and in Organizational Leadership (from Gonzaga University) that enable her to effectively bridge technical and business worlds.

Reymarie Calazan -- Senior Manager of Operations for ALG

Reymarie oversees sales, product and marketing operations for ALG, one of the leading data analytics companies in the auto industry. Her responsibilities include partnering with the leadership team to set strategic initiatives and implementing the best solutions to facilitate long-term success and operational efficiency. Prior to ALG, Reymarie was a Senior Consultant at Hitachi Consulting where she worked on major digital marketing applications for the world's top automotive manufacturer. Reymarie graduated with a degree in Computer Science from California State University, Dominguez Hills and was one of the very first STEM Advantage scholars to graduate. Reymarie served on the STEM Advantage Board of Directors for three years, and is currently a STEM Advantage Mentor. She is happy to be able to represent the program and all the women in STEM.

Lynda Murray-Thomas, Ed.D, MBA, PMP, CSM -- Sr. Director, Global Quality Engineering at Universal Parks & Resorts.

Dr. Lynda Murray-Thomas is the Senior Director, Global Quality Engineering at NBCUniversal Parks and Resorts. She is responsible for leading software quality engineering teams for Universal Parks and Resorts, which included Universal Studios Hollywood, Universal Orlando, and Universal Studios Japan. Previous roles included managing the USH IT Program & Project Management Office, which included leading system design and implementation teams, and the successful design and delivery of EZ REZ™. This effort produced first date based ticketing system in theme park history, and enabled USH to gain operational efficiencies and introduced dynamic ticket pricing. Prior to joining NBCUniversal, she was a Senior IT Consultant at Disney, Warner Brothers, Tribune Media, UCLA, and various Fortune 100 companies. Dr. Lynda holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University -Long Beach, an MBA in Information Systems Management from California Poly Pomona, and a BA in East Asian Area Studies from the University of Southern California. She is on Board of Directors for STEM Advantage, the Advisory Board for Bixel Exchange, and previously served as Altadena Town Council Member. Her passion is to increase STEM degree attainment for

underserved minorities through her various endeavors to create opportunities for those who need a hand up. Dr. Lynda lives in Altadena, with her husband. She enjoys spinning and travelling.

Carole Schlocker - Queen of iSpace

Carole Schlocker has been with iSpace since it was founded and has been instrumental in building the company's foundation base of clients. Prior to joining iSpace, Carole was Sr. Vice President of D.P. Specialists where she was one of the principal contributors in building the company into one of the premier IT Staffing and Solutions companies in S. California. Carole is currently on several Boards including Stem Advantage (www.stemadvantage.org), The Disability Community Resource Center (dcrc.co), Association of IT Professionals (Los Angeles Chapter), and the Southland Technology Conference (SoTeC). She serves as the Chair for the Speaker Committees for SoTeC and AITP-LA. She is a past board member of Tech Serve Alliance and she was the Co-Director of the Los Angeles Chapter of Women in Technology where she helped to build the chapter from the ground up. Also, she is also a long-time member of the UCLA I.S. Associates and has served on their board. Carole holds a bachelor's degree in social work from Temple University. She firmly believes that she is practicing social work daily in her work as an IT Recruiter.