

Member Highlight

Dr. Kelli McGaha-Martin,
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WHO IS DR. MCGAHA-MARTIN?

Dr. Kelli McGaha-Martin has built her career and served the community from which she also graduated high school. Her undergraduate school was the University of Central Arkansas. Harding University provided excellent graduate education for her Masters and Specialists degrees in Educational Leadership. She then completed her doctoral program through Arkansas State University.

One of Kelli's strongest aspirations for her career is to continue expanding her professional network nationally through various impactful organizations such as WE Lead, ACTE, AASPA, AASA, and more. Through expanding my network she also wants to increase her contributions to leadership development, human resources, and career and technical education.

Kelli supports various programs in her district. "Eastside Peddlers" is a project close to her heart. This program, started at an elementary school with a high homeless student population, provides access to bicycles, safety resources, mental health support and more in partnership with community resources. In addition, the Project Serve Success Fair has provided families access to resources for personal hygiene, mental health, free PreK enrollment, non perishable food, child safety, basic medical supplies, and more. Dr. McGaha-Martin truly supports her community.

WHO INSPIRED KELLI?

Her Daddy is one of her biggest inspirations, still influencing her even though he passed away in early 2023. The number one lesson he taught her: **always give 110%**. This gave her a sense that within anything she did, the only option was to give 110%...not to her detriment or as a punishment, but because she should just give it all she had, plus some. That expectation was sometimes spoken and sometimes unspoken, but she just knew that was how to live life. This was true for her at school, in sports, in friendship, at church, and in life. She can still hear his voice say "110%" just as clearly now as she heard it through her entire lifetime.

WISDOM FROM KELLI

"Being a leader is hard enough, and I believe being a female leader has its own unique challenges. I want other women to know that they can be an incredible leader while also being an incredible mom, wife, daughter, and friend."



WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT BEING A WE LEAD MEMBER?

"The book clubs/studies through WE Lead have been very inspirational and on point! The book clubs and the regular meetings have expanded my network, and I have thoroughly enjoyed connecting with other women leaders who are also committed to growing personally and professionally."

