hear from past participants



An Aspen Seminar will deepen the relationship that you have with your team, create the space for truly meaningful reflection about the important issues of leadership, and create a deeper level of understanding of what your team wants and needs at a given point in time in their careers and in life.

-antonio lucio

Principal & Founder, 5S Diversity and Executive Fellow at Yale School of Management Former CMO Visa, Hewlett Packard, and Facebook

It was a journey to bring the hearts and minds together. The seminar was successful in expanding my stretch, more than I could have imagined. Truly, a life-changing milestone personally and professionally.

—diana henderson
Executive Vice President at TKXS LLC





As CEO, taking the time to sharpen the saw is critical. The Aspen Executive Seminar is the best whetstone out there.

—reed hastings
Founder and CEO of Netflix



Reason is important. Aptitude is critical. However, if we forget our humanity...

I think that we run the risk of going astray. I think the seminar does a really great job emphasizing all three dimensions as we tackle some of the bigger questions of the 'great conversation.'

-chris hopeExecutive Director, the Loop Lab

The seminar made the time to think about what our values are and how we want the world to be. Bringing those two things together is the true exhibition of leadership.

-elaine martyn

Vice President & Managing Director, Fidelity Charitable





Thanks to the Aspen Executive Seminar... I have created an environment where people feel safer to be critical in their thinking and to use critical thought as a way to innovate and problem-solve.

—sunil deshmukh Managing Director, Wilson Cables Private LTD

I was really pushed and challenged that week and still reflect often about how I was able - and at times not able - to be vulnerable in that room with a group of people who I'd met days earlier. It's absolutely something that I've brought home with me and informs how I can lead with authenticity and the values that seminar helped me to sharpen.

—laura herman Vice President, Partnerships, Cedar





I have used the Aspen Institute on three different occasions with three different management teams. In each case, the program was designed to meet specific objectives, and did so in a way that cannot be achieved in a traditional business setting. Aspen has a unique formula for challenging traditional leadership thinking.

neil brinkerCEO, Modine Manufacturing Company

What attracted me to my seminar was that is wasn't the 'typical' executive training where you discuss technical management skills.

Instead, the curriculum challenged you to think about your values and leadership.

—liz lopez
Senior Director, Social Impact Investing & External Affairs YWCA USA





I now actively engage challenging conversations with individuals who have values that differ from my own. I leave room for compromise and practice an active awareness about my personal biases, and work towards co-creating solutions to relational challenges.

—alphonse smithExecutive Director, Giving Hope Foundation

As a judge, rulings are based on the rule of law as informed by experience and the arguments of the parties. The Justice and Society Seminar puts a premium on listening as well as sharing ideas. It has done that successfully and will promote better and more informed decision making.

—hon. paul mcdonnell Judge, Civil Court of the City of New York



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