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For Laura V. Page

Page Management Consulting

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Zaida Portalatin

National Admission Advisor at Chamberlain College of Nursing

I had the privilege to attend a seminar on Communication facilitated by Laura Page at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. She is a great facilitator and speaker. She is knowledgeable. Her high energy and enthusiasm for sharing great communication is contagious. I highly recommend her to any organization or company looking to educate their staff and leaders in how to have difficult discussions with their employees. Great job Laura.

Tim Cloutier

Director of Product Marketing at Illumina (Epicentre)

“I recommend Laura with the highest praise for her professional development and mentoring skills. I worked with Laura over 5-6 sessions with a focused executive professional plan. She has an extensive knowledge and incredible ability to teach an individual to recognize how their style and personal bearing directly impacts one's leadership, development and personal skills. Her insights and guidance on how to improve my ability to listen, respond and communicate with my team has greatly enhanced my effectiveness, improved team moral, created strong and multi-directional lines of trust and communication, and most importantly increase my self-confidence and ability to mentor and develop my team members. I fully recommend Laura and am thankful for the opportunity to work with her.”

Diana Howles

Senior Learning Specialist at Howles Associates

“Laura's passion for teaching and learning make her an exceptional instructor for any audience. Her in-depth approach to topics and her ability to engage listeners at all levels are an impressive combination.”

Brandon Bernier

Director of IT User Services, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Laura's recent training here at the Division of Information Technology at UW Madison was very well received by our staff. They enjoyed her insight into interpersonal communication as well as the engagement techniques she used throughout the training workshop. Many came away from the training excited to apply what they learned to their job and in their personal life.”

Shenlee Sires
Commercial Operations Manager
GE Healthcare

“I was privileged to have been a student in the recent "Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills" class that Laura taught. Laura demonstrated in depth knowledge on the topic and even complimented the course syllabus with additional materials to meet our needs in specific areas of interest. She did a great job intermixing different teaching styles to keep each topic fresh and exciting, keeping all of us engaged and eager to listen and participate. I strongly recommend Laura's services to any organization that would like to drive emotional intelligence and grow their leadership soft skills. It was an outstanding experience for me and my colleagues.” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Jen Pino-Gallagher
Bureau Director, Division of Agricultural Development, State of Wisconsin

“Laura's training sessions were excellent. She is able to keep an audience engaged while teaching very challenging topics.”

Prashant Patel
Manager, Technical Services at Epic

“Laura's seminar at UW was extremely helpful in understanding the basics of emotional intelligence and its value in our modern business world. I'm very satisfied with what I have learned and in less than a week I am already finding her training to be useful to many of my daily interactions.”

Kiu Leung, Ph.D.
Principal, Leung & Associates
Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs Consultant

“ Laura is a long-time member of Madison Area Business Consultants and gave a presentation titled ‘Mind Control for Great Managers’ at our January 2014 meeting. She discussed how self-awareness and techniques for changing our fight or flight reactions are the keys to being able to effectively handle difficult conversations. Emotional intelligence can only be improved by practice. Her presentation is marvelous. As a highly experienced professional, Laura is very generous to share her expertise and knowledge with others. For organizations that are looking for a consultant to improve their effectiveness and relationships between employees and with customers, Laura is an excellent candidate.”

Laura Strimpel
Area Coordinator, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“I experienced Laura in a professional development day-long workshop/session she was teaching on Emotional Intelligence. I appreciated Laura's straight-forward presentation style, her attention to detail, her value of participant's stories and experience, and the myriad ways in which she engaged us throughout the day. I would take more sessions from Laura---a fine investment in my resources!”

Mac Chorlton

VP of Business Development, Tweedee Productions (Video Production - Madison, WI)

I really enjoyed Laura's presentation to the Middleton Chamber of Commerce on giving feedback and emotional intelligence. Laura provided some great insight and her style of presentation is very engaging.

Makenzie Blazich

Project Manager at Epic

"I attended Laura's "Managing Relationships Through Positive Conflict" seminar in April 2013. She was excellent! Laura presented creative ideas for maintaining effective relationships with colleagues and clients. She blended storytelling, research, and exercises to give our diverse group the tools to immediately begin improving. I would attend another one of her seminars as well as recommend her to colleagues."

Ty Zastava

Quality Improvement/Emergency Preparedness Manager, Wood County Health Department

I recently attended one of Laura's classes through the UW-Extension. She was an excellent instructor and I took away many new ideas and strategies. I'd highly recommend her!

Krista Salm

Business Analyst, Acuity (Mutual Insurance)

"I attended two communication courses facilitated by Laura through the UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education. She's one of the most knowledgeable instructors I have studied with. She provides real life examples and solutions to common communication problems in today's business world. I feel Laura has the experience and tools to guide managers through various organizational challenges. I look forward to working with her again in the future."

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Jon Aleckson, PhD

CEO, Web Courseworks

"I hired Laura Page to facilitate a Web Courseworks planning session. Laura met with me several times prior to the session to collaboratively set goals for the all day planning session. The planning day was a huge success! She is truly a student of process and human behavior. Her commitment to exceed my expectations was evident in the fact that my goals for the session were achieved. Her technique of getting every one of our 14 employees to contribute was outstanding. I would not hesitate to hire her as a consultant and will be planning a repeat performance in six months"

Top qualities: Great Results, Good Value, High Integrity

Lauren Pagenkopf
Director, Business Development General Merchandise
Harley-Davidson Motor Company

“As a business professional, I am always looking for learning opportunities and ways to improve my skills as a leader and manager. Laura's class *From Conflict to Resolution* was an excellent blend of concepts, discussion and practical application. I am already using the principles from the course in my work and look forward to taking additional courses that Laura teaches in the future.”

Kristi Shepard
Senior Director, Major & Planned Giving at United Way of Dane County

“Laura spoke recently with the Greater Madison Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. It was a pleasure to coordinate the session with her as she shaped the content for our diverse audience. In a limited amount of time, Laura provided insights, encouragement and resources for dealing with difficult conversations. I immediately shared what I had learned with my colleagues at United Way, and several asked me for the reference list that Laura had compiled. I've been quoting her (and putting her tips to work) on numerous occasions with positive results! I highly recommend Laura for organizations, associations and others seeking more effective communication skills.”

Marilyn Holt-Smith, CFA
Owner and Senior Portfolio Manager at Holt-Smith Advisors (Former)
Managing Director, Principal at Banyan Partners (Current)

“Laura is a wonderful facilitator, teacher, mentor, coach, advisor and listener. As a consultant, she focuses her energy on you or your group to develop a deep understanding of what you want to accomplish. After she understands the situation, she then works with you to provide the best solution available, always keeping the participants' objectives realistic. She is highly ethical and a direct but tactful communicator.” Top qualities: Expert, High Integrity, Creative

Erica Gumienny
Manager of Corporate Development, Univ.of WI-Milwaukee, School of Continuing Education (Former)
Sales Consultant at US HealthWorks Medical Group and Owner of Pivotal Point Training (Current)

“I have had the pleasure of partnering with Laura on several training initiatives with organizations here in Southeastern Wisconsin. She has such a vast array of expertise and does a great job assessing an organization's needs and creating excellent programs. She listens and asks the right questions to ensure that the training programs we create exceed expectations. Her style is very appropriate for adult learners and really understands how adults learn. Laura has received consistent high marks from my customers. I can always count on her. She reacts fast and is extremely flexible and customer centric. I have learned SO much from her and highly recommend her as an expert trainer and consultant.”
Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

Bruce Wachholz
Owner, Cedar Creek Web Design

“Laura is an amazing presenter. She spoke to our networking group, Madison Area Business Consultants, and it was like a mini-course in communication. That is a topic that just fascinates me and is at the core of every interaction in our personal and professional lives. My thinking and understanding of this topic was forever changed, by her presentation. In the days following her presentation, the material she presented has affected, in the most positive way, all of my communications. I highly recommend Laura for her clear, concise, and useful presentation on communication and her presentation skills in general. She has an amazing ability to connect with her audience.”

Andrew Bronson
Account Coordinator at Svinicki Association Management, Inc.

“For one of my clients, the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs' Association, Laura has been a presenter for over a decade. The Association has repeatedly invited her back to present for workshops on topics about leadership and communication. She always receives very high ratings on our evaluations.”
Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, Creative

Gideon Amoah
Training Officer, Office of Human Resource Development, UW-Madison

“Laura is a first class professional and always a pleasure to work with. Her attention to detail and her in-depth knowledge of how adults learn, makes her one of the best trainers in the business. Laura presents for our professional development programs on campus. Amongst her recent workshops are the art of feedback and building effective work teams. I would highly recommend Laura to others and I am confident of a professional delivery.” Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Chris Dehlinger
Marketing Manager, Trachte Manufacturing

“We had the pleasure of working with Laura when she facilitated “The Art of Holding Challenging Conversations,” a workshop for our sales department staff at Trachte, Inc. Our busy sales managers were thrilled that Laura was able to cover in one day what could have taken several, still they were able to take away valuable lessons that have a direct impact on our day-to-day work relationships. Laura is warm and approachable – everyone felt very comfortable – yet it was clear that she really knows her stuff as she applied it to our situation. We intend to have Laura back in 2010 to pass along her wisdom to other departments.” Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Sara Bossingham
Professional Development Coordinator, Dane County Parent Council

“Laura provided us with an afternoon of informative and thoughtful processes to help us confront challenging conversations and resolve them in an honest and productive way. We look forward to working with her in the future!” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Dana LaFontsee

Program Director, Management Development Training Customized Training, Project Management and IT, UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education (Former)

Manager, Waukesha County Technical College, Center for Business Performance Solutions (Current)

“Laura is a talented educator who is universally liked by the participants in her classes. She eagerly shares her wealth of knowledge through a very effective teaching style that is approachable, conversational and fun all at the same time. As a colleague, I always found her to be enthusiastic, creative, and willing to tackle issues head-on and work collaboratively.”

Faye Otero

Director of Staff Training and Special Projects, Marquette University

“When I was the Coordinator of Training and Special Projects at Marquette University (where I worked for over ten years), part of my job responsibility was to find speakers for our internal employee development program. The program was called "Grow with Marquette" and Laura gave an excellent program for us (more than once), "Consensus Decision Making; Not For The Faint of Heart." Her session focused on facilitating difficult meetings and how to avoid false consensus. There were many useful insights and she led a lively discussion. In addition, her take away materials were really helpful. Laura is a talented and professional speaker, and knows her stuff. I would recommend her services. Sincerely, Faye V. Otero” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Carrie Raymond Bedore

Owner, Carrie Raymond Bedore LLC

“I have known Laura V. Page as a teacher, colleague, mentor and friend. She is an articulate, thoughtful, insightful and effective educator and professional in her field of management consulting. Laura’s great strength is helping people with their interpersonal communication and management/leadership skills. She has contributed so much to the field of coaching and consulting.

I am privileged to know her. I am a lawyer and coach and recommend Laura for training and development, management consulting and teaching engagements. I am happy to answer email questions about Laura’s experience and impact.”

Jane McGowan

Director of Marketing & Events at Catholic Charities

“Laura was a presenter at our Annual Aging Conference in September 2011 where she spoke on "Meaningful Conversations - Bringing up Difficult Topics". This session had high attendance and great survey results. She is really an expert in Communication.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Donna Lewein

Owner, Scribe Shop and IT Project Manager, State of Wisconsin (Former)
Senior Consultant at TeamSoft Inc. (Current)

“It's limiting to have to choose only 3 attributes above to describe Laura...any of the above apply. She is a very skilled and gifted counselor, providing seasoned insight into human relationships within the work environment. She helped me to find strategies to deal with a difficult colleague who had undermined my project -- within a government IT setting. Thanks to Laura's advice, I was able to find a productive way to relate despite the difficult situation. I have valued Laura as a colleague since meeting her in 1993. She never fails to find creative ways to reach people.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, High Integrity

Kara Pitt-D'Andrea

Executive Director at Renaissance Child Development Center (Former)
Childbirth Educator, Natural Wisdom Family Care (Current)

“Laura is an outstanding trainer and presenter. Laura worked closely with me to collaborate on ideas and best assess the needs of our training and our organization. As the Executive Director of a non-profit it is very important for us to get the best value out of all our investments. I can say with absolute certainty that Laura was an amazing value for the investment of staff training and team building.

I cannot speak highly enough of this session and of Laura's ability to quickly adapt to her surroundings and audience to ensure the information connects to each person. My staff were very excited about their day with Laura. We look forward to scheduling with her again for next year!”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Becky Alsup

Program Manager, Leadership Development & Organizational Learning, Chrysler Engines (Former)
Associate Dean at Milwaukee Area Technical College (Current)

“Laura provided excellent training for front-line supervisors and their managers who face unique and difficult challenges. She provided an extraordinary service from beginning to end. She expertly facilitated the development phase of our training making it easy for us to secure a creative, high-energy learning experience which produced lasting results for our mid-level managers. Laura listened closely to our needs, asking the right questions to target our time and resources into relevant and highly-productive sessions.” Top qualities: Personable, Expert, Creative

Sarah Gibson

President, Accent Business Communication

“What I love about working with Laura is how her brain constantly spins around viable business solutions. She gets how a company works. She gets people. She gets how to make the company better by making the people better. She will find the bottom-line issue in seconds and hone her skills to make solid, wise recommendations. You rarely find that combination in any business environment, yet here it all oozes from Laura naturally and brilliantly.”

Kathy Martinson
Director, Volunteer Center, United Way of Dane County

“I have had the pleasure of working with Laura for many years and had the good fortune to reconnect with her when she so graciously agreed to be our keynote speaker for a conference this fall for nonprofit volunteer managers. This annual conference – sponsored by United Way Volunteer Center and the Dane County Administrators of Volunteer Services – provides professionals in nonprofit agencies who do volunteer management with training to improve and enhance their skills to recruit, engage and recognize volunteers.

Laura’s keynote “Communication is Impossible... And That's No Excuse" really hit the mark and was the perfect way to kick off our day! She followed that with a breakout session on “Emotional Intelligence: Keeping Your Cool in Challenging Conversations.”

I admire Laura’s presentation style, depth of knowledge, passion and ability to connect with her audience! Our participants left the conference with some excellent knowledge and tools to strengthen their volunteer management skills and to enhance their professional development. Thanks Laura!!”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Beth Costello
Product Line Manager at Standard Process

“I completed Laura's Effective Communications seminar at UW Milwaukee. Her approach is practical, logical, effective and fun! I contacted her after the course to work through real life examples. Her guidance was spot on. Laura's a great listener, and able to quickly analyze situations in order to help find workable solutions. Laura's an excellent coach and trainer.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Marilen Driscoll
Coordinator, Education and Training / Human Resources, at Mead & Hunt

“Our company has done some multi-day professional development and planning conferences, bringing together our Project Managers and Business Unit Leaders from around the country. As one of the conference coordinators, we brought in Laura to do a general session at our Fall 2010 conference. Her session, "Clear Thinking for Improved Decision Making" was very well received. Laura's dynamic and participatory style was able to involve the large group of well over one hundred attendees. I especially appreciated Laura's working with me to customize her talk with specific examples from our company and industry. She is a pleasure to work with and I recommend her to anyone planning staff training and development.” Top qualities: Personable, Good Value, Creative

April McHugh

Career and Educational Counselor, University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Laura presented *The Art of Feedback* to our Job Search Support Group. We asked Laura to speak specifically to using feedback as a form of communication among group members and how to receive feedback from anyone in their job search process. Laura delivered in a grand fashion! Our group members loved the way she set the tone for her presentation, she engaged the group easily, entertained questions and comments throughout, had brief activities and examples to assist with delivering concepts, had excellent handouts, and gave ideas, concepts, and concrete processes to help members communicate more effectively. I would highly recommend Laura to any group needing assistance with human awareness and understanding, especially as this relates to effective communication skills. Thank you, Laura!” Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, Creative

Pam Peterson

Vice President of Employee and Volunteer Services at Agrace HospiceCare Inc. (Former)

Director of Human Resources and Organizational Development at UW Credit Union (Current)

“I have worked with Laura on multiple occasions and found her extremely valuable every time. Laura was a key part in developing a "Learning While Leading" Program for mid-level leaders that allowed learners to get quick, practical tools and resources they could apply immediately on the job. In my past organization, she played a critical role in conducting a culture audit for various areas of the organization which allowed us to identify opportunities to strengthen teamwork, increase service and develop a plan to achieve the desired business results. Several times, Laura served as an individual coach to leaders within the organization assisting them in becoming more effective in their role.

Laura's approachability, intuition and relationship management is some of the best I've ever witnessed. She has the knack to take a difficult situation and turn it around in a positive way. She does this through honesty, direct feedback and offering practical tools for each situation. One thing I have always loved about working with Laura is that she doesn't just take an "off the shelf" approach but adapts to your organization. I highly recommend Laura and look forward to continuing to work with her as a colleague and a client.” Top qualities: Great Results, Expert, High Integrity

Tedi Winnett

Director at Kenosha County UW-Extension

“Each year we bring our UW-Extension state-wide county leaders together for a multi-day conference for planning and learning. Our conference committee invited Laura to be our capstone speaker at the end of the conference this year. We asked her to address the topic of how to say "No" effectively without damaging relationships in high-stress environments. Laura came highly recommended and she did not disappoint. She created a customized presentation that was interactive, helpful and thought provoking. Feedback was very positive and I personally enjoyed working with her.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Good Value

Ericka Mendez

Professional Development Coordinator, UW-Milwaukee, University IT Services

“Our department provides all the IT services for UW-Milwaukee. We decided in 2007 to provide significant training in interpersonal communications to our team. We worked with Laura, who is a long time ad hoc faculty for the School of Continuing Education at UWM, to create a highly customized program. We are so very happy with the resulting 5 x 1/2 day program, which Laura facilitates, that we have gradually sent our entire staff over the following years, including this year, 2011. The innovative design that Laura created, which includes reading homework and in-class quizzes, along with her energetic and highly participatory facilitation, has given us a learning experience that has genuinely had a positive impact on our team and work performance. I've enjoyed working with Laura over these years and recommend her as a talented instructor who understands adult learning and organizational culture.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Alice Hagen

Online Mapping Applications Developer

City of Milwaukee

“I recently attended Laura's class, *Effective Interpersonal Communication Skills*, through UWM's School of Continuing Education. The class was excellent. Laura is able to relate her great knowledge of communication, psychology, and management in an effective way. The class is interactive and constructive, and incorporated students' own experiences, which I found to be an incredibly effective way to apply our lessons. Laura is very personable and approachable, and available for individual guidance. As my career evolves toward management, I think that learning these soft skills is as important as learning how to manage the logistics of work. And, Laura has provided me a part of the foundation I'm looking for to build a collaborate, creative, and effective work environment.”

Top qualities: Great Results, Personable, Expert

Sharon Colby

Group Process and Organizational Capacity Building Facilitator

Former: Sr. Training Officer, OHRD, UW-Madison

I highly recommend Laura Page as a trainer and as a business owner. In my role as a Senior Training Officer in the Office of Human Resource Development at UW-Madison, I have occasion to hire outside trainers for our programs. I look for expertise in both the content and delivery of the training experience, as well as the ability to provide high level service to us in terms of logistics, arrangements, and follow through. Laura handles all those essential elements with ease.

The training sessions she conducted for us (Providing Feedback for Performance Improvement; Emotional Intelligence: An Essential Skill for Challenging Conversations) draw from current information, trends and research in the field, are lively and highly participatory, provide tools and resources that are immediately transferrable to one's job responsibilities, and are sprinkled with humor. Her professional handling of the pre and post session arrangements and tasks make my coordinating work flow easily and with confidence that the experience will be a high quality one, free from 'glitches'. It has been a delight to work with her on each occasion.”