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Leaders: Bring your passion

What is Leadership? From my perspective, it's a state of mind. One that starts with passion. Passion drives inspiration and with good leadership, the result is the ability to create a vision and have it become reality.

Leadership comes in many forms; leaders can be the CEO of an organization or a first year employee who leads a team to success behind the scenes. When driven by passion, no vision is too great or too small.

Having grown up in Kenosha, I've watched our community grow and evolve, and have developed a passion and belief that young professionals like myself have a lot to offer the community and that our community has a lot to offer young professionals. The perception that Kenosha is a great place for young professionals to live and work is something that I'm proud to have an impact on.

As president of the Young Leaders in Kenosha (YLink) advisory board, I've had the experience and

privilege to lead our organization and its mission of connecting young professionals to each other and to the community. With the help of very talented young leaders who share my passion, we have developed and are executing a three year strategic plan to achieve our mission.

As part of the leadership team, I hope my passion inspires others to build on our existing ideas for the future. My vision is that through a shared passion, we work to create a bridge for young professionals and our community, while developing a comprehensive talent network in Kenosha for the area's workforce.

It's difficult to inspire others if you're not inspired yourself. So if you want to do something really well, do something that you believe in. YLink is something I believe in. It's one of my passions. What's yours?

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