## Leading Forward: The People, The Process, and The Plan

2020 has been a year like no other as we attempt to recover and rebuild the foundations of our organizations. The steps we take WILL NOT be "business as usual" as we accept the challenge of seeking out solutions that will guide us into the "what's next" phase for our workforce.

Strategic Thought Leaders from American Public University's School of Business provide insight and recommendations on how we take the first step in redesigning the infrastructure. Time to transition!

## **Speakers:**

## Dr. Wanda Curlee

Dr. Wanda Curlee is the Program Director for Business Administration at American Public University. She has a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership. She has been teaching online for over twenty years. She currently researches Artificial Intelligence topics. Dr. Curlee is active with the Project Management Institute (PMI). She currently serves on PMI's Ethics Review Committee.

## Dr. Larry D. Parker Jr.

A native of Temple, Texas, Dr. Parker holds a Ph.D. in Organization and Management from Capella University, a Masters of Business Administration from Liberty University, and a B.A. in History from Wittenberg University. His published research is a qualitative study of the experience of organization members utilizing the theoretical framework of Leader-Member Exchange (LMX) Theory.

Dr. Parker is the Program Director, Transportation and Logistics Management and Supply Chain Management within the School of Business at American Public University System (APUS). He has worked as a university educator for 10 years. He has contributed to academia by serving as a DBA contributing faculty, course developer for business, management and leadership programs, and adjunct faculty for several institutions.

A lifelong entrepreneur on various scales; In 2014, Dr. Parker leveraged over 20 years of business, logistics and supply chain management experience to launch P42 Trucking LLC, which is a subcontracted trucking company operating throughout the southern gulf-coast region of the United States.

In addition to his service as an educator and entrepreneur, Dr. Parker is a retired military officer. Dr. Parker was an active duty Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marine Corps and served as Command Inspector General (CIG), Marine Corps Forces Central Command (MARCENT) at MacDill AFB, Tampa, FL. Commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1995; upon graduation from The Basic School (TBS), Dr. Parker was designated a Supply Officer. His career includes a myriad of logistics leadership assignments in United States, Asia, and the Middle East.

Dr. Parker is a graduate of the following military professional military education: The Basic School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI), Air War College (AWC), and Department of Defense Inspector General (IG) Course.

He is a member of the Association of Inspectors General. A proud family man, Dr. Parker currently resides in Tampa, FL.