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## LEAP Training Draws 15 Members Motivated to Excel in Leadership

NATCA last month held the latest installment of its 13-year-old national leadership course, called LEAP (Leadership Experience Acceleration Project), in Glen Rose, Texas. Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President Alex Navarro III and Critical Incident Stress Management Committee Chair Sarah Grampp (Kansas City Center, ZKC) led the training, which drew 15 members from six different regions. President Rich Santa also spoke to the class. LEAP features leadership principles designed to have a significant positive impact on the effectiveness of an organization.

"It's an amazing group of leaders," Navarro said. "I'm so grateful to be able to help in LEAP after all these years. Every time, the bar is raised and I'm reminded that we have so much greatness at work for our Union."

Participants in May were:

Justin Andrae (Monroe ATCT, MLU)  
Brittney Armbrust (Colorado Springs, COS)  
Steven Brown (Portland, Maine ATCT, PWM)  
Gary Beal (Denver ATCT, DEN)  
Christopher Corapi (Cincinnati ATCT, CVG)  
Ligaya Corbitt (Seattle Center, ZSE)  
Jason Felser (New York Center, ZNY)  
Matthew Fisher (Potomac TRACON, PCT)  
Brett Hansen (Kansas City Center, ZKC)  
Jason Kotzbauer (Charleston, W.Va., ATCT, CRW)  
Zachary Kuiken (Mobile ATCT, MOB)  
Nicholas Marangos (Boston TRACON, A90)  
Nicholas Pachuca (Houston Center, ZHU)  
Joshua Thompson (Albuquerque ATCT, ABQ)  
Trevor Thompson (Jacksonville Center, ZJX)



## **Leadership Experience Acceleration Project**

**Glen Rose, Texas | May 2022**

### **2021 Archie League Medal of Safety Award Spotlight: Kevin Cleavland, Chris Keddie, and Adam Schulte, Denver TRACON (D01)**

Feb. 20, 2021, had been a routine Saturday winter afternoon in the Denver area, with cold temperatures and all aircraft reporting at least moderate turbulence in the climb and descent over the front range of Colorado. Denver TRACON (D01) member Chris Keddie was working the West Departure position when United Airlines Flight 328 (UAL328) checked on.

The Boeing 777 was en route from Denver to Honolulu. Keddie climbed the aircraft to flight level 230 and advised the crew of the moderate turbulence. Shortly after, he gave fellow D01 member Kevin Cleavland a position relief briefing and then stepped aside to provide an overlap. Cleavland had just started to set up the position with his preferences when the crew of UAL328 declared a MAYDAY and advised that they had just experienced an engine failure. Cleavland immediately solicited the crew's desires and gave them a descent clearance and left turn to head back to the airport.

There were no injuries as a result of this incident, an astounding fact given the severity of the emergency. For their efforts, Cleavland, Keddie, and Schulte will be honored with the Archie League Medal of Safety Award for the Northwest Mountain Region on June 17 in New Orleans.

Read more [here](#).



## 2021 WINNERS NORTHWEST MOUNTAIN REGION



**Photos:** (Left) Chris Keddle and (right) Kevin Cleavland

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### Save the Date: Archie League, NRX Awards Presentation June 17 to be Live Streamed

Save the date! NATCA will be honoring members on June 17 at noon CDT in New Orleans with the prestigious 2020 & 2021 Archie League Medal of Safety Awards & the Region X Commitment to Safety Awards. Plan to watch as we live stream this event on our Union's [website](#).



## 2020 and 2021 Awards to be Live Streamed on natca.org

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The Reloaded Committee will hold its monthly NATCA 101 class on June 15, at 6 p.m. EDT. NATCA 101 reviews our Union's history, the work the Union does for its members, and insight for how members can become more involved.

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