

Dr. Robert McClelland Class of 2019



Rob McClelland graduated from Las Plumas High School (LPHS) in 1979 (with a B average). He lettered three years in golf, two years in football and basketball, one year in baseball and was a member of the Block LP club. He was twice named the Most Valuable Player on the golf team, and was co-champion in the school Biathlon competition and champion in the Athlon. He was very active in ASB activities serving on the student council, class vice-president, geology club president and student representative to the Board of Education.

Following high school, Rob earned his BA degree in communications from California State University, Sacramento and graduated Summa Cum Laude with an MA degree in Biblical Studies with an emphasis on Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary in Texas. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a PhD in Organizational Leadership from Regent University in Virginia in 2005. Rob's groundbreaking Ph.D. dissertation explored the field of Executive Coaching. He enjoys teaching in University MBA and Organizational Leadership programs.

Rob's career began in 1997, when he was hired by The Christian Ministry Alliance in Colorado Springs, CO as Vice -President, then in 2005 as Dean of Nyack College on Capitol/ Hill in Washington, DC. In 2005 he was named Executive Director at Let Them Hear Medical Foundation in Palo Alto, CA. where he led a medical foundation with opportunities to reach foreign leaders in closed countries by means of an executive coaching strategy. He was responsible for personally raising one million dollars annually for organizational expansion and for future direction of the medical foundation. He worked with four Silicon Valley CEO's to fulfill the organization's medical and outreach mission.

In 2007, Rob was CEO of NAB Incorporated in Sacramento, CA where he directed an international conglomerate of schools, hospitals, churches and member groups on five continents. After seven successful years in Sacramento, he was recruited and hired by John Maxwell, Executive Director and president of EQUIP Leadership in Atlanta, GA, the largest leadership organization in the world. Rob launched the John Maxwell Leadership Foundation and served as founding president. Rob led the initiative to ensure leaders from all 196 countries of the world were training others inside the borders of their respective countries. The goal was reached in one year.

Since 2014, Rob has worked as CEO with Upward Leadership, a company in Atlanta that he founded to assist CEO's and their executive teams in the areas of mergers, acquisitions, organizational alignment and executive coaching. He has spoken worldwide on topics related to business, education and nonprofit organizational leadership and worked with numerous Fortune 500 Companies.

Through all of his endeavors, Rob's two passions have remained the same, helping leaders to build phenomenally effective trust-based teams and creating a culture of empowerment in which younger leaders thrive. To that end, he has launched a Podcast, *Your Daily Dose of Growth*, that is currently downloaded in more than 50 countries. He also publishes a weekly leadership blog at LeaderTribe.com.

Over the years, Rob has been published numerous times having written hundreds of articles, newsletters and blogs in the field of personal responsibility, leadership, academic excellence, community outreach, delegation and trust. He has had countless speaking honors at university conferences domestically and internationally, having spoken in over 20 countries. In personal and professional roles, he has led teams that have raised over two million dollars for leadership initiatives, community development, and humanitarian crises around the globe.

Throughout his career, Rob has managed to serve on boards of directors for many organizations, including three universities and was once the youngest VP and the youngest CEO of companies where he was employed. His favorite quote is from former President Harry Truman, who said, *"It's amazing what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."*

Rob and Dawn, his wife of 30+ years, make their home in Atlanta, GA where they enjoy active lives and serve their church. They have one daughter, one son and three grandchildren.