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## Strategizing for Impact:

Future Planning Doesn't Have to Be (Too) Daunting



# Welcome!



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# Strategizing for Impact



Ask & Listen



Make Space & Time



Create Hope

A close-up, blurred image of a person's ear and hand, with the text "Ask & Listen" overlaid. The background is dark and out of focus, showing the contours of a hand near an ear. The text is white and centered.

Ask & Listen

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# Tips for Gathering Stakeholder Input

- Consider all stakeholder groups.
- Think carefully about what you would like to know.
- Ask things only your stakeholders know the answer to.
- Be concise.
- Keep the end in mind.
- Mix it up.
- Simply state your purpose.
- Invite feedback on your tools.
- Be hospitable.
- Share what you learned.

A stack of several maps, with the top one showing a road network and geographical features. The maps are fanned out, creating a sense of depth. The top map is a detailed road map with various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue) indicating different types of roads and terrain. It shows a network of roads with numbers and names, and some geographical features like rivers and parks. The text "Make Space & Time" is overlaid on the maps in a large, white, sans-serif font. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below the text.

# Make Space & Time



“Strategic planning is akin to unfolding a map that reveals your organization’s pathway toward the future. It’s a journey to discover the best way forward, while acknowledging important landmarks along the way.”

# Make Space & Time

- Include in board member onboarding.
- Set the expectation.
- Invite support.
- Include stakeholders.
- Aim for actionability.
- Be ready to re-goal.

A close-up photograph of a dark blue liquid surface with concentric ripples emanating from a central point. A small, dark, oval-shaped object is visible at the center of the ripples. The text "Create Hope" is overlaid in white, centered horizontally and slightly below the vertical center.

Create Hope

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Describe a recent  
moment or image that  
inspires hope for you.

(Type in chat!)

# Hope is the Belief ...

... that the future can be better than the present **and**  
that we have the power to make it so.

— *Making Hope Happen*, Shane. J. Lopez

Hope  $\neq$  Wish

# Hope Can Be ...

- Learned
- Practiced
- Measured
- Created
- Shared
- Nurtured
- Prioritized
- Strategized

# Hope is Linked to ...

- Academic performance
- Noncognitive metrics
- Showing up
- Workplace outcomes
- Happiness (and other) measures

# Create Hope by ...

- Spotting strengths
- Storytelling
- Mentoring
- Building well-being
- Goal setting
- Re-tooling and re-goaling
- Auditing your messaging
- Networking

# Go Forth & Impact!



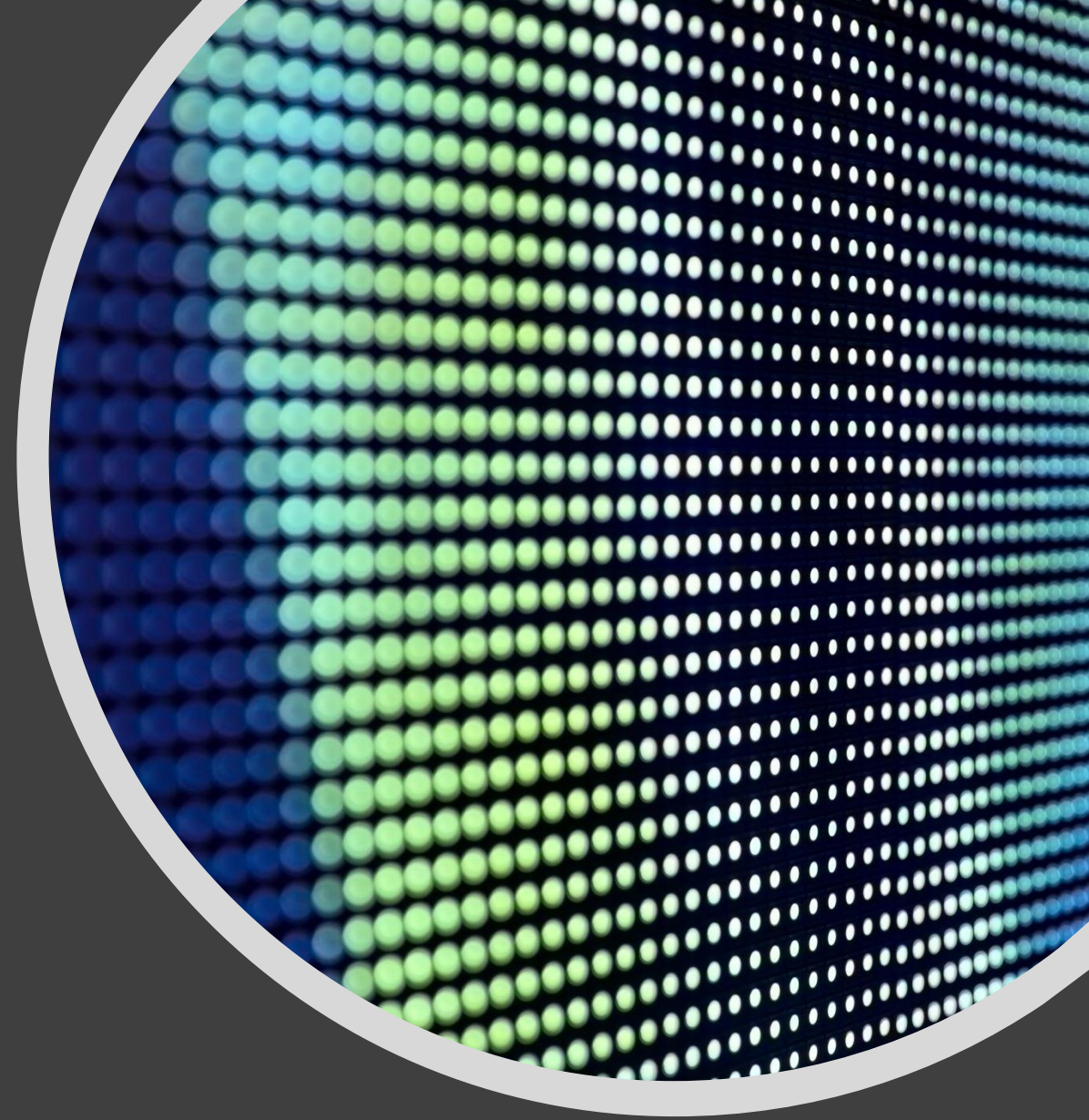
Create ripples of hope.



Ask and listen well.



Make space & time to think and plan strategically.



Any  
Questions