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Julie Keane, PhD: I'm Julie Kane. I'm chief learning officer at participate, and together with partners like the University of North Carolina, Greensborough, we help people learn and work better through inclusive and engaging online communities of practice.

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Julie Keane, PhD: So I'm very pleased to walk you into this Webinar. In our lifelong learning conversation series. I think it's our fourth one, and this virtual conversation series offers an informal opportunity to learn from a range of experts on topics relating to empowering lifelong learning, and it is truly one of my favorite parts of my job that I somehow have managed to be able to to get this job responsibility. So before we want before we get started. I'm just sharing a few technical

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Julie Keane, PhD: notes. Captions are available for this webinar. But please let us know with the QA. Function if they are not working. I also invite you to submit any questions through the QA. Function on zoom. We will monitor this throughout the session and try to get to as many questions as we can at the end.

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Julie Keane, PhD: We'll be using the chat function to share resources, and so please get those. David Will has a lot to share and so those will be shared along with any other relevant info with you along the way. And then, of course, I've mentioned earlier. We'll share a recording of this webinar with you and everyone else who who registered. So I see that we only have a a few live recipients, but we still want to know who's in the room.

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Julie Keane, PhD: So before we you know, get going, please fill out this poll, and let us know where you're coming from. Education K. 12. Post, secondary.

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Julie Keane, PhD: and that can help us sort of target the conversation a little bit. 13 00:04:09.390 --> 00:04:10.220 David Wyrick, PhD: and 14 00:04:17.690 --> 00:04:34.359 Julie Keane, PhD: and if oh, here we go. Okay, fantastic. So we have some university folks and some nonprofit community organizations. So that's pretty perfect, David, for the conversation we are about to have today. So let's get started. I am thrilled to welcome today's featured guest, David Wyrick. 15 00:04:34.360 --> 00:04:59.219 Julie Keane, PhD: Together we'll discuss how university North Carolina Greensborough, Unc. Is working with participate to build a new digital entrepreneurial ecosystem for innovate. Unc. So welcome, David. You really have an enormous amount of work that you're doing at the University and in Greensborough. David's a professor of Public Health education at Uncq. And he's the founder of both the Center for athlete. Well being 16 00:04:59.220 --> 00:05:02.009 and prevention strategies. A company focused 17 00:05:02.010 --> 00:05:25.440 Julie Keane, PhD: on the application of prevention, science and taking effective behavioral inter interventions to scale. As a prevention scientist. David has extensive experience in prevention, research, evaluation and the optimization of behavioral interventions. Most recently David was appointed to the role of chief innovation officer at Uncg, and so they are very lucky to have you and congratulations on that. 18 00:05:25.440 --> 00:05:52.750 Julie Keane, PhD: And he served as principal investigator, coinvestigator for more than 20 National Institutes of Health Funded Projects, and has published extensively. He's also the recipient of numerous awards. And just take a look at the list in the chat and in his spare time. And so this is we were talking about. You know you managing your marriage. Now I understand he serves as vice chair for the dare. America Research Advisory Board. So welcome, David.

00:05:52.750 --> 00:06:03.310 David Wyrick, PhD: Thank you. Thank you. I think all that means, Julie, is that I've been doing this for a long time. 20 00:06:04.890 --> 00:06:31.569 Julie Keane, PhD: Yeah, so I'm so excited that you can be here to sort of shed a light on the work that you're doing at Uncd. Uncg, and I think the reason we invited you here is also, you know, you're one of our favorite partners. We've been working together a long time. We've learned a lot from you. But also, I think this is a model for what other higher ed institutions can be doing in terms of connecting to the community and Mo, and really applying 21 00:06:31.570 --> 00:06:51.780 Julie Keane, PhD: research into practice. I think we've been talking about this for decades, and I think you really operationalize this. So, as we mentioned in the introduction, you've held a number of roles at Uncg. But today we're going to shine a light on the work of innovate. Uncg, so can you please tell our participants about that work. And please include that sort of the mission for that initiative. 22 00:06:52.070 --> 00:06:53.450 David Wyrick, PhD: Yeah. So 23 00:06:53.550 --> 00:06:59.729 David Wyrick, PhD: you know, there's, I think, one thing I want to say before I jump into that. And for anyone who who 24  $00:06:59.910 \longrightarrow 00:07:03.979$ David Wyrick, PhD: is attending the webinar today, or is gonna listen to the recording 25 00:07:04.160 --> 00:07:11.610 David Wyrick, PhD: you know, I first met the CEO participate, Mark Otter. We were sitting on a board at Elon University together. 26 00:07:11.930 --> 00:07:18.020 David Wyrick, PhD: We were chatting over lunch, and he was telling me what participate does. and I think. 27 00:07:18.380 --> 00:07:27.879 David Wyrick, PhD: at least for my first 8 to 10 questions. His

# initial response was, Well, we're not an LMS. Well, we're not an LMS. 28 00:07:27.940 --> 00:07:38.759 David Wyrick, PhD: And so I think I wanted to share that, because it took me a little while to get it and and that was, you know, very on in the early stages of the company. 29 00:07:38.830 --> 00:07:41.690 David Wyrick, PhD: but I wanted to share that, because 30 00:07:41.990 --> 00:07:51.170 David Wyrick, PhD: participating in listening sessions like this, reading the wonderful documents and resources that participate has made available. 31 00:07:51.260 --> 00:07:56.899 David Wyrick, PhD: The vision starts to come. and you know I was familiar with a community of practice. 32 00:07:56.930 --> 00:08:08.990 David Wyrick, PhD: and and kind of, you know from a public health perspective. And and what did that mean? And and so really understanding how technology can supplement, augment, support a community of practice? 33 00:08:09.010 --> 00:08:14.450 David Wyrick, PhD: It did take me a little while to get it, but once I got it, I was like, Oh, wow! There's a real vision here for that. 34 $00:08:14.780 \longrightarrow 00:08:21.970$ David Wyrick, PhD: so I'll talk a little about a Li a little bit about innovate. Unc, 35 00:08:22.560 --> 00:08:39.709 David Wyrick, PhD: if you look at our current website where we have a website revision underway. It's gonna look very much like a traditional technology transfer office, you know. So faculty members do research that research leads to some kind of product or deliverable training, some kind of resource that can be scaled up 36

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David Wyrick, PhD: under a for-profit commercial model, or a nonprofit model. 37 00:08:43.830 --> 00:08:51.210 David Wyrick, PhD: or some kind of licensing arrangement. All that work flows through innovate. Unc. And that is a big part of what we do. 38 00:08:51.460 --> 00:08:58.880 David Wyrick, PhD: But our vision has grown and become much more ambitious where we want to truly be 39 00:08:58.940 --> 00:09:09.390 David Wyrick, PhD: one of the key service centers on campus for our students and our faculty. And what that means is, what kind of support can we provide faculty 40 00:09:09.560 --> 00:09:15.049 David Wyrick, PhD: to think about innovation and and kind of the very simple 41 00:09:15.210 --> 00:09:29.110 David Wyrick, PhD: way I distinguish between innovative ideas and innovation is, I steal a line from that book, the Medici effect. And basically we. we're all good at coming up with creative and even innovative ideas. 42 00:09:29.430 --> 00:09:39.500 David Wyrick, PhD: But something isn't an innovation until it's made it into the public space till society has adopted it, evaluated it, shared their opinion on it. And 43 00:09:39.870 --> 00:09:44.489 David Wyrick, PhD: And so that's what we're trying to do is get all these great things that are happening at the university 44 00:09:44.540 --> 00:09:54.220 David Wyrick, PhD: and translate those out into society to help become evidence-informed, evidence-based solutions that that different organizations can take advantage of.

00:09:57.960 --> 00:10:26.319 Julie Keane, PhD: Yeah. And so, you know, I'm curious about how folks come to you with that. So you know, in terms of just how is the communication even worked out? Because I know universities are everyone's in their own silo. Everyone's in their group. They know all this amazing intellectual properties going on. They know the collaboration is possible, but the way academics are trained it tends to always be siloed. So I'm curious how you have. 46 00:10:26.380 --> 00:10:51.820 Julie Keane, PhD: You know how you were saying earlier, where you're talking about. Okay, I sort of get. I know what community practice are. And now I understand how the technology can support that. But how do you sort of share that vision with your colleagues at Uncg, and and through that innovate? Yeah, yeah, I mean, it would be wonderful. I could just, you know, our team if we could just sit in our offices all day and just have a lot of faculty and students lined up, you know, waiting to share their ideas. And and and 47 00:10:51.820 --> 00:10:57.350 David Wyrick, PhD: you know, unfortunately, that's usually not the way it works, because we all get caught up in our day to day. 48  $00:10:57.870 \longrightarrow 00:10:59.879$ David Wyrick, PhD: So when I 49 00:11:00.130 --> 00:11:14.899 David Wyrick, PhD: took on this role, I discovered. So I've you know I've been a professor in the School of Health and human sciences. We have a school of education on campus. And when I took this role I discovered that our school of education had what they called an impact through innovation Hub. 50 00:11:15.240 --> 00:11:22.990 David Wyrick, PhD: and it was actually being led by a friend of mine who's a colleague here, Professor, and educational counseling. And 51 00:11:23.070 --> 00:11:27.290 David Wyrick, PhD: I wasn't even aware of it. And so I called Scott. And I was like, Hey, can we sit down? 52 00:11:27.350 --> 00:11:37.890 David Wyrick, PhD: And you tell me what this impact or innovation hub

is? And so we did. We had breakfast one morning. He walked me through it. How the idea came about the work that they had done to date. 53 00:11:37.910 --> 00:11:46.899 David Wyrick, PhD: and I was like, Oh, my gosh! Like we need an ecosystem here at Uscq. And this sounds like the perfect way to grow our ecosystem. 54 00:11:47.040 --> 00:11:48.360 David Wyrick, PhD: So we came back. 55 00:11:48.960 --> 00:11:53.300 David Wyrick, PhD: We kind of reallocated some different funds that we had to help. 56 00:11:53.400 --> 00:11:57.969 David Wyrick, PhD: We want to start an impact through innovation hub within each school or college. 57 00:11:58.030 --> 00:12:20.550 David Wyrick, PhD: I'm here on campus. So this year we launched the impact through innovation hub in the School of Health and Human Sciences. And that's being led by Jeff Milroy. You know we're in conversations right now with our College of Visual Performing Arts, our College of Arts and Sciences, and then we'll you know, that'll lead to school nursing and the Brian School of business, and we'll bring. We'll have a hub 58 00:12:20.820 --> 00:12:26.460 David Wyrick, PhD: in each of these places. And, yeah, there's just a lot of truth 59 00:12:26.980 --> 00:12:32.519 David Wyrick, PhD: in the old saying, like the power of place you, and have a presence in that place. 60 00:12:32.700 --> 00:12:39.219 David Wyrick, PhD: And so localizing our ecosystem makes a lot of sense, and it's been received. Very well. 61 00:12:39.480 --> 00:12:40.650

# Julie Keane, PhD: that's 62 00:12:40.840 --> 00:12:49.750 David Wyrick, PhD: And so this is going to give us a local presence in the existing infrastructure of the university. And now we're going to be able to use, participate. 63 00:12:49.820 --> 00:12:59.430 David Wyrick. PhD: to bring these hubs together and help promote more interdisciplinary efforts, and give not only a power of place within each hub within each school. 64 00:12:59.480 --> 00:13:08.169 David Wyrick, PhD: But this power of virtual space and the interactions and the work that can be done there to help accelerate, you know all of our initiatives? 65 00:13:08.640 --> 00:13:15.559 Julie Keane, PhD: Yeah, that's interesting. And do you feel like there's been a changing culture at the university where this kind of you know, where people aren't 66 00:13:15.940 --> 00:13:32.019 Julie Keane, PhD: scared about sharing, or you know, especially when you're trying to. You know, if you're trying to do some entrepreneurial work, and you're worried about your intellectual property. So sometimes those are can be instinctive barriers that people might put up. Do you find that that's still something you're 67 00:13:32.150 - > 00:13:37.459Julie Keane, PhD: dealing with? Or do you feel like universities are really sort of starting to embrace this and becoming more open? 68 00:13:37.500 --> 00:13:39.270 David Wyrick, PhD: Yeah, you know. 69 00:13:40.270 --> 00:13:50.269 David Wyrick, PhD: there's probably a little bit of that. Hey? Do I quite trust this? There's on every campus that that does research.

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00:13:50.550 --> 00:13:53.069 David Wyrick, PhD: there's gonna be a little bit of that 71 00:13:53.460 --> 00:14:09.510 David Wyrick, PhD: But I think the bigger benefit of this is you know. USCG. In particular, is really strong in the arts and in the humanities, and had faculty in those departments really felt like our office 72 00:14:09.620 --> 00:14:11.450 David Wyrick, PhD: can provide a service to them. 73 00:14:11.690 --> 00:14:16.249 David Wyrick, PhD: So I'll give one example if if you don't mind. There's a 74 00:14:16.350 --> 00:14:21.369 David Wyrick, PhD: a professor and our library Sciences program. His name is his name is Noah Lindstrom. 75 00:14:21.800 --> 00:14:37.910 David Wyrick, PhD: and he became very interested in public libraries, being used to promote health and well-being in their communities, like a place for people to come and learn and do Yoga, or have a walking group, whatever it is. 76 00:14:38.390 --> 00:14:40.290 David Wyrick, PhD: So he started this. 77  $00:14:40.590 \longrightarrow 00:14:56.720$ David Wyrick, PhD: I think it started on Facebook, this initiative called Move in Libraries, and he developed some branding around it. And really what he was interested in was from kind of a research and a community engagement perspective. How can he work with these librarians to figure out 78 00:14:57.530 --> 00:15:01.020 David Wyrick, PhD: what they're doing? What barriers did they did they face. 79 00:15:01.100 --> 00:15:06.569

David Wyrick, PhD: And essentially he was creating a community of practice. And it just really took all. 80 00:15:06.790 --> 00:15:33.329 David Wyrick, PhD: And he's now got literally thousands of librarians that are active members of this community of practice and and now our office is helping support him. He wants he's starting a nonprofit around this to put some real structure and organization around it, obviously through library sciences. And it is in our school of education. So we're gonna invite all those people into participate with what we're doing to support that impact through innovation hub. And so like. 81 00:15:33.730 --> 00:15:39.830 David Wyrick, PhD: that's a great story of a faculty member who's doing incredible work that may not have seen 82 00:15:40.110 --> 00:15:46.750 David Wyrick, PhD: what he's doing is part of the tech transfer model. And and so how could our office support it? 83 00:15:46.840 --> 00:15:53.430 David Wyrick, PhD: But it's this focus on innovation and moving things into our communities. 84 00:15:53.520 --> 00:16:18.059 Julie Keane, PhD: Seems to resonate with everyone. Yeah. And I think it's really opening those doors of the university to communities. Right? That's always, you know, sometimes the struggle to really have the university. I think missions and goals are always there to serve the community, but really like putting those actual structures processes in place where the community really feels 85 00:16:18.080 --> 00:16:26.850 Julie Keane, PhD: that connection, you know, is really a leader in that and I think can share a lot with other universities that are really trying to do that. 86 00:16:26.860 --> 00:16:41.300 Julie Keane, PhD: That is a great story. I can't wait to learn more about that. And so I guess thinking about the budding entrepreneurs. And you know, making that community building because you have so many different players and so many different types of initiatives.

# 87 00:16:41.300 --> 00:17:05.409 Julie Keane, PhD: you know, talking about almost that community design, both in, you know, the organizational hubs. But even the tech tools, because it's not just participate. That's supporting that. And we always do a lot of brainstorming with partners, because there's not a one size fits all. There's not one tool for everything. Universities have big lms, and you don't want them to feel like you're in this like feudal state 88 00:17:05.410 --> 00:17:14.120 Julie Keane, PhD: of technology. So I'm just curious about how you strategize and kind of integrate the different platforms you're using. 89 00:17:14.970 --> 00:17:23.770 David Wyrick, PhD: You know, there's technology burden technology burnout. It's it's a real thing, you know, we're constantly being hit with the new, the latest and the greatest tools. 90 00:17:23.839 --> 00:17:32.389 David Wyrick, PhD: And so you have to, Bill, you be really careful, like, okay, what are the specific tool technology tools that we need to move our work forward. 91 00:17:32.430 --> 00:17:35.329 David Wyrick, PhD: And so an innovate. Unc, we've identified 3. 92 00:17:36.020 --> 00:18:01.079 David Wyrick, PhD: One is a a technology called Kai use platform Kai use inventions. And it's a platform basically for very traditional tech transfer work. So we identify faculty who are doing something interesting and basically provides us a very comprehensive database to keep track of all the metrics, their progress and and we input that data. But we use that that is strictly for internal use. 93 00:18:01.100 --> 00:18:19.870 David Wyrick, PhD: And it really comes in it's very helpful. When we have to report out, we can kind of collate all those data. The other platform that we're using was actually developed here at Uscg is called a collaboratory, and it is meant to capture metrics and stories around community engagement. 94

00:18:20.110 --> 00:18:40.619 David Wyrick, PhD: It's not a community engagement platform. Once again, it's primarily for our internal use. But if if a if an organization, whether it's K 12 higher, Ed, if you kind of want to report out on your community engagement efforts. And what are the right metrics, and how do you capture those stories? Collaborator is a great tool for that. And community engagement is very important to our university. 95 00:18:40.850 --> 00:18:48.179 David Wyrick, PhD: So we're using that participate is our true outreach platform 96 00:18:48.200 --> 00:18:50.840 David Wyrick, PhD: and you know. 97 00:18:51.430 --> 00:18:55.619 David Wyrick, PhD: absolutely in education. Lms is have an important function. But 98 00:18:55.650 --> 00:19:05.490 David Wyrick, PhD: the way that when I'm distinguishing between what we want to do with participate and what we might do with canvas, which is the Lms that Umcg uses 99 00:19:05.740 --> 00:19:10.810 David Wyrick, PhD: in our outreach. We don't. We do not want it to be transactional. 100 00:19:10.930 --> 00:19:20.929 David Wyrick, PhD: And what I mean by that is if I wanted to offer some kind of micro credential course through canvas catalog. I can set it up. 101 00:19:21.060 --> 00:19:28.740 David Wyrick, PhD: Someone external to the university can see that sign up for it. Go through it, you know in some kind of distance, format 102 00:19:28.900 --> 00:19:36.950 David Wyrick, PhD: and complete that and earn a badge. And they're done. It's very transactional, and that has a place, but that's not

our vision for how we want to do 103 00:19:37.090 --> 00:19:41.340 David Wyrick, PhD: professional development and micro credentialing. We want to provide that service. 104 00:19:41.470 --> 00:20:01.100 David Wyrick, PhD: So that transactional piece is there. But we want to continue to keep those folks engaged. It grows our team, it grows. Our community resources, allows us to go into into our communities and have colleagues and people that we can turn to to support our work, and that we can hopefully continue to provide value and service to them. Moving forward. 105 00:20:01.150 --> 00:20:02.540 David Wyrick, PhD: So for us 106 00:20:02.740 --> 00:20:09.950 David Wyrick, PhD: participate becomes less about the transaction and more about building community. 107 00:20:10.290 --> 00:20:12.350 David Wyrick, PhD: it. It allows us to do both. 108 00:20:12.380 --> 00:20:33.789 Julie Keane, PhD: Yeah. And I think it allows you know what we're hoping to do is really that co collaborative knowledge building. So where there is always space for? Yes, I am the expert. I am going to provide things you're going to learn from me, and then you're going to show will provide recognition for that. This is really this much more sort of a social learning piece like, how can we sort of all build together? And I know 109 00:20:33.790 --> 00:20:44.400 Julie Keane, PhD: hopefully, we'll be working on some other initiatives really around. I know, you know folks are really trying to think about new ecosystems for for meaningful workforce development where there is 110 00:20:44.520 --> 00:21:05.190 Julie Keane, PhD: a space for everyone at the table to sort of. Think about what that learning experience is for different types, different

avenues of innovative workforce development. So believe it or not. I know we could talk all day. You're incredibly busy, and we're sort of coming to the to the end here. And II wanted to ask you sort of 111 00:21:05.190 --> 00:21:15.719 Julie Keane, PhD: you know, one thing that really is been so meaningful for us. And we want to do this with everyone we work with is that you have really helped inform. 112 00:21:15.960 --> 00:21:40.350 Julie Keane, PhD: How are you building this? We we've met you at really early, almost when we first spun out. you know, we were purely K, 12, facing teacher, professional development. You helped us really inform how the communities of practice went forward, what was the tooling that was actually needed. And so we really sort of appreciate that. And so what lessons are you bringing? You know. 113 00:21:40.350 --> 00:22:04.839 Julie Keane, PhD: you know, through this kind of work that you're doing? Are you bringing into your work across these other digital community practice like the center for athlete. Well, being community cause, I know you have your your hands in a lot of different areas. You talked about the humanities talking about entrepreneurial stuff, all of the work that you've done for athlete. Well, being. And so I'm just curious about, maybe, just as some final thoughts on lessons learned once you're 114 00:22:04.840 --> 00:22:08.060 Julie Keane, PhD: hopping across these different communities of practice. 115 00:22:08.660 --> 00:22:11.560David Wyrick, PhD: Yeah, well, I guess you know my biggest tip would be 116 00:22:13.220 --> 00:22:25.530 David Wyrick, PhD: in the design and build out phase of your community. So you know our our community and innovate. Uscg is impact or innovation. Our community with our center for athlete. Well-being is the athlete wellbeing network. 117 00:22:25.750 --> 00:22:33.149 David Wyrick, PhD: And you know we've got our Nfl research partners

inside out, and and they have their own community that we contributed to. 118 00:22:33.640 --> 00:22:47.950 David Wyrick, PhD: But my biggest tip would be in those early stages. Go ahead and treat it like a community and Pr, a community of practice. Who are gonna who can you identify that are gonna be early adopters and get engaged in this community early and let them help with the planning process. 119 00:22:48.110 --> 00:22:56.980 David Wyrick, PhD: and to think about a diverse set of offerings that you can initially provide. Certainly it becomes a space where you can help promote events. 120 00:22:57.220 --> 00:22:58.629 or we can. Do. 121 00:22:58.750 --> 00:23:05.080 David Wyrick, PhD: you know, follow up professional development, virtual learning, you know, following some face to face. 122 00:23:05.390 --> 00:23:08.150 David Wyrick, PhD: pb, event or 123 00:23:08.220 --> 00:23:25.689 David Wyrick, PhD: you know, you can do a book club within the community. You can. We're doing some academic offerings of school education here has developed this thing called kick box, which introduces undergrad students to entrepreneurial mindset, entrepreneurial training and and we're using 124 00:23:25.830 --> 00:23:38.189 David Wyrick, PhD: participate as a way to integrate kickbox into academic courses. Primarily capstone courses across campus so we got like a student facing piece of the community. 125 00:23:38.400 --> 00:23:41.240 David Wyrick, PhD: we have this wonderful 126 00:23:41.760 --> 00:23:52.869

David Wyrick, PhD: inventors guide that someone put a lot of work to into in our office that lays out every piece of what our office can offer you. But it's it's a book. 127 00:23:52.980 --> 00:23:54.230 David Wyrick, PhD: And so 128 00:23:54.260 --> 00:24:17.660 David Wyrick, PhD: you gotta figure out how to navigate it. Well, we're putting that in to participate in the very short kind of chump modules that you can search within that are supplemented with videos. And now it becomes much more user friendly. And we can engage our community members and discussions around those services. And what help do they need? And they can support and learn from each other that whole social learning model. 129 00:24:17.830 --> 00:24:18.909 Julie Keane, PhD: Right? 130 00:24:19.610 --> 00:24:20.510 David Wyrick, PhD: you know. 131 00:24:21.420 --> 00:24:30.840 David Wyrick, PhD: we're doing we have. We've had a National Science Foundation grant for several years now to do. I core training, which is an entrepreneurial training 132 00:24:30.930 --> 00:24:35.289 David Wyrick, PhD: and And so that Grant has ended. So now, what? 133 00:24:36.470 --> 00:24:42.439 David Wyrick, PhD: How are we going to adapt icore to a sustainable entrepreneurial training 134 00:24:42.480 --> 00:24:43.730 David Wyrick, PhD: initiative. 135 00:24:43.810 --> 00:24:49.990 David Wyrick, PhD: That fits our university. And so all that's being done through, participate, and we will.

136 00:24:50.170 --> 00:24:57.819 David Wyrick, PhD: It'll always be hybrid. There'll be some things that we do within the technology. But some things that we do in person or in outreach 137 00:24:57.830 --> 00:25:15.030 David Wyrick, PhD: and but the technology, the platform participate gives us that power of places. So one place where we're we're hand, we're capturing and managing all the knowledge creation we are. It's becoming a clearing house for all the resources that are shared 138 00:25:15.120 --> 00:25:19.369 David Wyrick, PhD: from us to the community or within the community, the community back to us. 139 00:25:19.480 --> 00:25:24.290 David Wyrick, PhD: But it's it's that it's that power replace. It's our virtual space, because 140 00:25:24.420 --> 00:25:41.700 Julie Keane, PhD: we're not all together in one place. Right? And I also think it kind of you know, as those learnings happen, you know. I think I mean, we've obviously both of us have been around for a while, you know. You could. You see things that you worked on in the past. They're like, Oh, my God! If I could just resurface that 141 00:25:41.700 --> 00:25:47.699 Julie Keane, PhD: and so you know, you know, certainly that sort of knowledge management piece, and like the role that that 142 00:25:47.700 --> 00:26:12.320 Julie Keane, PhD: curation of knowledge over time, you know, as these initiatives mature as they cross pollinate. You know that kind of transparency is so critical. And I think just the last minute before we're gonna do a final poll before we wrap up feedback for us. But the roles of kind of badging and recognition, because you know, in terms of, because of the diverse activities that these communities of practice are supported 143 00:26:12.320 --> 00:26:26.279 Julie Keane, PhD: recording, you know how you're thinking about recognition, both through the formal systems of canvas, you know

canvas credentials, you know, through the formal lms. But also, you know these other activities that you want to recognize that the community is engaged in. 144 00:26:26.620 --> 00:26:28.319 David Wyrick, PhD: Yeah. So 145 00:26:30.380 --> 00:26:39.549 David Wyrick, PhD: you know anything that you read around economic development right now, or the workforce is we are very much moving towards a skills based workforce. 146 00:26:39.790 --> 00:26:47.570 David Wyrick, PhD: Does that mean that education in the humanities and the arts is less important. Not at all. I mean, I actually think it. 147  $00:26:47.790 \longrightarrow 00:27:09.029$ David Wyrick, PhD: It argues that helps argue for a liberal arts education even more because in that liberal arts, education, or we used to call them success. I mean, we used to call them soft skills. And now we call them success skills. But that's really where you, you know, you learn those skills is in that type of educational environment. But 148 00:27:09.400 --> 00:27:19.439 David Wyrick, PhD: being able to acquire and communicate a very specific set of skills, they're gonna allow you to kind of penetrate. The industry of your choice 149 00:27:19.600 --> 00:27:21.000 David Wyrick, PhD: is really critical. 150 00:27:21.190 --> 00:27:26.489 David Wyrick, PhD: And once again, that could be done in a very transactional way. 151 00:27:26.530 --> 00:27:32.509 David Wyrick, PhD: But there is a power of community in terms of okay. 152 00:27:32.850 --> 00:27:41.700 David Wyrick, PhD: I've completed this badge, or I've completed this

micro credential. and I need the support of the community. By 153 00:27:42.010 --> 00:27:47.510 David Wyrick, PhD: how am I going to communicate this? What industries would be attracted to this skill? Set that I have 154 00:27:47.810 --> 00:27:58.260 David Wyrick, PhD: and you know, how do I make myself very employable? And so you know our hope. I'm actually meeting with the Provost here tomorrow. 155 00:27:58.530 --> 00:28:10.100 David Wyrick, PhD: With a proposal to move all of our badging and micro credentialing from the university in to participate and treat it less transactionally and more about building community and supporting people moving forward. 156 00:28:10.220 --> 00:28:25.089 Julie Keane, PhD: Yeah, that's very exciting. Yeah, I mean, what? How? I think, you know, we're thinking about this, certainly, in the in the badging and and micro credentialing community, of really how, how their communicative devices, how we really like use that as the glue to kind of 157 00:28:25.200 --> 00:28:30.799 Julie Keane, PhD: towards the ecosystem as opposed to you, just earn a badge, and then it's really clear what to what to do with it. 158 00:28:30.940 --> 00:29:00.610 Julie Keane, PhD: Alright, David! Well, this went very fast. We could talk so fun we could talk forever. So I think before we wrap up we are, gonna do a really quick poll. Just take a 2 few seconds to reflect on our discussion and answer this guestion, and you should see on your screen a QR code and a link option, and we'll also put a link in the chat. I think Christine will go ahead and do that just to give us a little bit of guick feedback on the 159 00:29:00.630 --> 00:29:02.170 Julie Keane, PhD: webinar today. 160 00:29:02.640 --> 00:29:26.360 Julie Keane, PhD: So here it's coming. And then, yeah, so and again,

just as a reminder, you know, we will be sharing this recording in the following days via email and look out for details around the next webinar in the lifelong Learning series. And I think we will be featuring Benjamin Young, who's a senior senior program manager of strategic initiatives at the New York Academy of Sciences. 161 00:29:26.490 --> 00:29:46.859 Julie Keane, PhD: So that's very. We're really looking forward for that. Yes, I would agree. It was very insightful. And, David, it's always wonderful talking to you and just thinking about how you're intentionally, really thinking about the work that you're doing and and we will certainly be sharing this out, because I think there could be a lot of folks really could learn a lot from this conversation. 162 00:29:47.130 --> 00:29:50.780 David Wyrick, PhD: Sounds good, you know. 1 one last thing, Julia, just 163 00:29:50.880 --> 00:30:08.230 David Wyrick, PhD: you guys have done such a great job of curating the various tools that you can plug in to participate. And for folks not to just assume that You know, there's gonna be a solution for everything within the platform, but that you guys have made it clear. Hey, here, the ones that plug in nicely 164 00:30:08.270 --> 00:30:15.929 David Wyrick, PhD: that you can build into, even enhance the activities of your community. So look into those. Take advantage of those really helpful. 165 00:30:16.180 --> 00:30:24.540 Julie Keane, PhD: alright, fantastic. Alright, David. I know we'll be

talking more soon. Yeah, thanks. Everyone.