



JACL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENTS:

Career Strategies for Getting Ahead

How to start your climb up the corporate ladder.

Friday, July 18, 2008

3:30-5:00 PM

Salt Palace

Light refreshments will be served.

Entering the career world is an exciting yet daunting rite of passage. For young professionals and recent graduates everywhere, the struggle to find the right career path without sacrificing personal values and culture is both challenging and rewarding. Relieve some of the stresses of this ritual experience with State Farm's Vance Yoshikawa in JACL Young Professionals' inaugural event. Hear the *strategies* and *solutions* that helped Mr. Yoshikawa *advance up the corporate ladder*. Get the help you are looking for in *finding* and *securing* a career choice that suits your personality and personal culture. *Answer questions* that you have had about how to *market yourself*, and *develop a network*, all while *staying true to your abilities and identity*.

Before coming to State Farm, Vance was a junior high school teacher and wrestling coach. He joined State Farm in 1992 as an agent in Salt Lake City, Utah, and moved to Provo, Utah, as an agency field consultant in 1998.

Vance became a regional agency administrative assistant in Lincoln, Neb., in 2000, and an agency field executive in Milwaukee, Wis., in 2002. The following year, he moved to Corporate as director, Learning and Development, and was promoted to executive assistant in 2004. In October 2005, he was named to his present position as Vice President Agency in the Northeast Zone.

Vance received a bachelor's degree from Weber State University and earned his LIMRA Leadership Institute Fellow (LLIF) designation in 2004.

Vance and his wife Zoanne are the parents of six children Jeremy, Nicholas, Chelsea, Emily, Zachary, and Ashley.

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