



American Society for Quality (www.asq.org) – Washington DC and Maryland Metro, Section 509 (www.asq509.org)

Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting
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“Be the Leader You Already Are”

To be presented by

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Thursday, October 8, 2015

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:45 PM – Program

8:45 – 9:00 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

Open to Public –

\$5: [non-ASQ members to cover pizza/drink cost;](#)

Free: ASQ members, veterans, senior citizens, past speakers, US PHS Commissioned Corp officers, teachers, students, interns, residents, postdocs, FDA Commissioner’s Fellows, MJ-DC members, NTUAADC members, CAPA members, CKUAADC members, CCACC volunteers/employees, FAPAC members, CBA members, AAGEN members, and current job-seekers

Location: Kelly’s Deli Conference Center, 7529 Standish Place, Rockville ([Derwood, for GPS users](#)), MD 20855

Registration Deadline: Please register by **Thursday noon, October 8, 2015.**

Question: Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; gchang2008@yahoo.com or 240-793-8425 (cell).

Driving directions: By Cars: From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). [The venue is on the first floor of 7529 Building with its external entrance opposite to the left side of 7519 building main entrance.](#) **By Metro trains:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route 59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from “**Calhoun Place**” stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

Summary

The question is often asked, “**Are Leaders born, or are they ‘made’?**” After 15 years of working with adults to increase their capacity as leaders, my response is, “Yes.” In every single individual I have ever worked with, from every professional background (including scientists, analysts, accountants, etc.), I have seen existing potential for leadership. Whether in their inner determination, their dedication or passion for a cause, their unique strengths, personality, etc., I see that **every person has some innate leadership potential**. If they can discover that innate potential they can not only make the most of it, but **they can build upon it to further expand their leadership capacity**.

Clearly some individuals have more innate leadership potential than others, just as some have academic potential, athletic potential, etc. But the key point is this: **What will we DO with the potential we have?** Just as there are many who never realize their potential in academics, athletics, music, etc., there are many who never fully realize or *utilize* – let alone build on – their leadership potential.

This discussion will center around 3 core questions:

1. ***What do you care enough about*** that you would be willing to take risks to influence others?
2. ***What strengths do you have*** that you can draw upon to empower your leadership?
3. ***What is holding you back*** from realizing and utilizing your leadership potential?

Speaker’s Bio: John Riordan, Senior Consultant

John Riordan has been committed to challenging people and organizations to reach their full potential for many years – first as a **leadership program founder** and **director** in Uganda, East Africa, and now as an **organization and leadership development consultant**. Over the past 15 years, John has coached and consulted hundreds of leaders and their teams, across a broad range of Federal, private sector, and non-profit organizations. He has conducted countless workshops ranging from large groups (200+) to small teams, and is adept at making sure the approach for the work fits well with his client’s style. He brings his diverse experiences to bear in working with organizations and individuals, helping them establish strategic and business plans, build strong teams, and fully develop their leadership capacity.

John’s strengths include a unique ability to quickly connect with a broad range of people of diverse styles and backgrounds, creativity in tailoring a session to the particular needs and style of the group, and tremendous flexibility that allows him to make real-time adjustments to ensure the right work is being done. While John naturally builds strong connections with his clients, he is committed to pushing them to get real results.

This Biomed/Biotech SIG event is cosponsored by the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association of Greater Washington (www.MonteJadeDC.org) and NTU Alumni Association at DC (www.ntuaadc.org).