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Are you all you can be?

Uncover the leader within you at this year's LeaderShape!

LeaderShape exists to inspire, develop, and support more people committed to lead with integrity.

LeaderShape defines leadership: Leadership involves living in a state of possibility, making a commitment to a vision, developing relationships to move the vision into action, and sustaining a high level of integrity. Effective leadership takes place in the context of a supportive community and results in positive change.

Description:

The LeaderShape Institute is an interactive, energizing, and unique experience that builds leadership skills no other program can match. And since 1986, over 20,000 participants from all over the world have graduated from our program. It is six days of non-stop self-discovery and learning from practical experiences that build your leadership concepts and abilities. Look for us on [facebook.com](http://facebook.com/LeaderShape2008) (LeaderShape 2008)

Who:

Approximately 60 student participants, 2 student coordinators and 6 faculty/staff from Florida State University attend the week long Institute. Additionally, FSU welcomes 2 lead facilitators from the national LeaderShape, Inc. who facilitate the curriculum for the week. All meals, lodging, and materials are provided. Applications for the annual LeaderShape Institute will begin in early February.

How:

Florida State University is committed to assisting students as they strive to achieve their highest leadership potential. While LeaderShape is organized by the Center for Leadership & Civic Education, the success of the program is due in part to campus partners that have shown their support through financial donations. These donations make it possible for FSU students to attend at not cost. Sponsors for the 2007 Institute include: University Housing, WIMSE, FSU's Community of Communities, University Athletics, Dean of Students, and the Oglesby Union.

When:

The LeaderShape Institute traditionally takes place the week between the spring semester and the first summer session. The 2008 Institute will be held April 28-May 3.

Outcomes:

The LeaderShape Institute is an intensive, energizing, six-day educational experience designed to equip young adults to become extraordinary leaders. Each session of The LeaderShape Institute is comprised of approximately 60-70 students — ages 17-25 — from diverse ethnic, religious, and cultural backgrounds. The Institute's curriculum is presented by a group of facilitators who are all highly respected in their own professions and serve as excellent role models for the students.

Much of the week's work is done in small groups called "family clusters," which create a safe, supportive learning environment that allows participants to work together, form close friendships, and benefit from new perspectives. Each student in the cluster works to define his/her personal vision — an extraordinary commitment to changing or contributing to the world in a positive way.

Based on that vision, participants then develop a blueprint for the action that they will undertake when they return home — with the objective of effecting meaningful, measurable change in their organization during the next 9-12 months. With the guidance of LeaderShape facilitators, participants complete a blueprint that identifies the goals, relationships, and action steps that are essential to the project's success.

Dynamic, challenging, and exciting, the week is intended to produce a breakthrough in the leadership capacity of participants — benefiting the students themselves, their respective organizations, and the institutions that they will go on to lead and serve in the future.

*****LeaderShape Applications Open February 1st. Please fill out an application at www.leadershape.org or you can visit the Center for Leadership & Civic Education or our website (lead.fsu.edu).