

2008-2009 Leadership Development Calendar of Events

The Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development
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August

Sloan Leadership Connection: Truly Leading

Leadership can be a complex task, but true leadership comes from both within and without. It begins by knowing yourself, and who you seek to be. In this session, we'll define leadership and consider various elements and components of leadership. By understanding what followers look for and expect from their leaders, you can better develop the characteristics and attributes that will make you a better leader. This allows you to truly lead by inspiring others to follow. Date: August 15, 10 a.m. – Noon in Jones Chapel.

September

Organization Officer and Advisor Training

Designed to educate and train all officers and advisors of student organizations. Information is presented on campus resources, policies, procedures and leadership development. Training dates: September 2 or 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Kresge for students; September 10 or 11 at lunch for advisors.

LeaderShape® Vision Showcase

Participants of the 2008 LeaderShape® Institute invite you to join them as they share their LeaderShape® Visions with the campus community. The LeaderShape® Vision is a well conceived plan of action that each participant developed during the Leadershape® Institute and now they hope to implement in their organizations, communities or workplaces. Be inspired by the dreams of leaders among us. Dates: September 10 and 11 in Kresge.

Sloan Leadership Connection: Campaign Cash and the Constitution

Learn and listen to a debate on rights and responsibilities when running for president of the United States. Coordinated by the History and Political Science Department and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Event Date: September 17, 7 p.m.

Sloan Leadership Connection: Explore. Discover. Connect.

Make connections and network with professionals from a variety of career fields. Hear their stories as they discuss leadership, public speaking, global communication and being a confident leader. Coordinated by the Career Center and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Event Date: September 30, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in SMB Atrium.

October

Sloan Leadership Circle

The Leadership Circle serves as an opportunity for upperclass students to dig deeper into the concepts of leadership. Topics will focus on leadership, theory, environment, social justice and a leadership survey. Dates are: October 7, 14, 21, 28 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. in the Traditions Conference Room.

November

W.I.L.D. (Women In Leadership Development) Conference

A one-day women's leadership conference for women students in the Triangle area. The conference will focus on educational topics related to women's leadership. Conference date: Saturday, November 1; hosted at Duke University.

January

Leadership Conference for High School Women

A one-day leadership conference for area students who are juniors in high school. The conference features break-out sessions, teambuilding opportunities, and self-exploration to help participants examine multiple aspects of leadership. Coordinated in conjunction with the Office of Admissions. Date: Saturday, January 31.

Emerging Leaders Seminar Series

Offered on Tuesday afternoons during the spring semester, this nine-part, non-credit course is designed to help students develop their leadership skills and develop a greater understanding of leadership concepts. Series dates: January 13 – February 24, 3:30 – 5 p.m. in Kresge. Register in November.

February

Sloan Leadership Connection: Connecting to the Environment

Learn more about the environment and how your actions impact our future.

LEAD Conference

The annual LEAD conference brings together leaders (male and female) from campuses across the state of North Carolina to a one-day drive-in conference. Specifically geared toward current and rising student leaders, this annual conference is sponsored by the North Carolina College Personnel Association (NCCPA). The LEAD Conference provides the opportunity for students to network, learn how other leadership teams and programs function, and to get ideas to bring back to campus. LEAD is filled each year with fun, educational sessions, a keynote address, round table discussions, meals and lots of extras! Conference date: Saturday, February 21; hosted at Meredith College.

March

Sloan Washington, D.C. Leadership Experience

During this trip over spring break, the participants will learn more about our national leaders and explore our nation's capital, museums and memorials. Sign up in January. Trip: March 1 – 4.

Sloan Leadership Connection: Dialogue on Diversity

Coordinated by the Office of Commuter Life and Diversity Programs and the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. Date: March 12, 6 p.m. in Kresge.

April

Student Organization Appreciation Night

Student leaders and student organization members come together to celebrate their achievements from the year. Event date: April 6 in Belk Dining Hall.

Organization Presidents' Retreat

The retreat is an opportunity for new presidents of Meredith's SGA branches, CAB groups, and Publications Board organizations to gather together for a time of teambuilding and leadership training. Retreat dates: April 17 – 18.

Celebrating Student Achievement Day

As a part of the day's celebration, students are recognized for their outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments at an awards ceremony. The students participating in Meredith's leadership programs are recognized for completion of the programs. Event: April 23.

May

The LeaderShape® Institute

The LeaderShape® Institute is a 6-day leadership program designed to improve society by inspiring, developing and supporting students to "lead with integrity." While participating in the Institute students will learn to work on high-performance teams, practice decision making for ethical dilemmas, learn to deal with change, clarify personal values and standards, and understand and respect the values of other individuals. In addition, all participants leave the Institute with a "LeaderShape® Vision." The LeaderShape® Vision is a well conceived plan of action to be implemented back in organizations, communities, or workplaces. Register in the Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development in February. The LeaderShape® Institute will be May 12 – 17, 2009, at Fort Caswell, N.C.

Ongoing Leadership Development Opportunities

Co-Curricular Resume Program:

The personal development program is designed to help students plan and document the experiences, skills and involvement gained while at Meredith College. Students in the program create a co-curricular resume, a self-reported college document describing their experiences in campus and community activities.

Leadership Library:

The library consists of leadership books, videos, and ice-breaker and teambuilding activities. These resources can be checked out to Meredith students, faculty and staff.

Sophie Lanneau Women's Leadership Development Program:

The program demonstrates Meredith College's commitment to women's leadership development and is designed to provide students with the opportunities to develop, enhance and practice a personal philosophy of leadership. Students learn basic concepts and historical perspectives of leadership, gain a greater understanding of ethics, values, diversity and women's history, and learn about the relation of self to others and the community. Students earn recognition in the program by achieving one of three levels: Foundations of Leadership, Silver Leaf and Gold Leaf.

Other leadership events will occur throughout the year. Please visit www.meredith.edu/calendar for the most current information.

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