



Student Leadership at Allegheny College

Mission _____

Allegheny exists to provide students with a liberal arts education of high standards. We expect our graduates to be not only capable and farsighted leaders, but also rational and responsible citizens who are equipped to meet the vexing problems confronting all society. We expect them to value diversity, individual integrity of thought and action, and the importance of personal rights and freedom in the context of society as a whole. We expect them to know that the same complexities that create the problems and challenges of living also give life its richness. (*Allegheny College Catalogue, 2001-02, p. 4*)

To help fulfill the mission of the College, Allegheny provides a number of opportunities that encourage students to consider and develop a personal philosophy of leadership. In doing so, students develop an awareness of themselves, others, and the community around them and consider the roles and responsibilities which they accept by being a part of that community.

Foundations _____

At Allegheny, we believe that:

- every student is a potential leader and that leadership is not necessarily linked to a particular position
- leadership is a form of **service**
- leaders need to be an active part of the **community** and work to build and develop that community
- leaders need to be sensitive to the issues of **justice and social responsibility**
- leaders should have an opportunity to learn and develop **leadership skills** and be **empowered** to utilize them.

Allegheny's Leadership Program _____

In order to assist students in this process, we strive to provide opportunities that:

- Are comprehensive, purposeful and assist students in gaining varied leadership experiences
- Promote values clarification and ethical decision making
- Build recognition and respect for individuals and organizations
- Provide opportunities to gain knowledge of how organizations function
- Are inclusive and accessible
- Responsive to the needs of students

- Assist students in integrating their leadership experience with other educational experiences
- Are based on theories and knowledge of learning and development
- Encourage intellectual and personal growth and consideration of lifelong learning and appropriate career and future choices
- Encourage students to take purposeful risks

*Program Highlights*_____

- Collegiate Leadership Conference
- Leadership Recognition Banquet
- Emerging Leader's Retreat and Emerging Leader Special Interest Floor for first year students
- National and Regional Leadership Conferences
- Developing Leader programs for students holding leadership positions on campus
- Support for self-designed projects relating to leadership development