

Elements of Leadership May 18, 2004

Elements of Leadership Reflection

I took the leadership classes a little bit out of order. Actually, I never intended to get my leadership certificate until the end of fall semester 2003. It was after taking Leadership Theories and Practices that I really began to realize the importance of this program. This program isn't about making someone a leader; it is about making people aware of what makes a leader. This program gives students the opportunity to learn more about themselves and their leadership qualities.

For me, Elements of Leadership has been an eye opener. I knew a lot about the different traits of a leader and who I considered to be leaders, but I had not taken the time to truly look at who I was as a leader. This class has brought about many new aspects of myself that hadn't looked at before. The traits that I found when doing the StrengthFinder were not a huge surprise to me. I think I knew what my strengths were, but seeing them right in front of me has helped me to think more about how I can show those strengths in my everyday life. It was a great exercise that I know I will use as I head out into the world.

One discussion that we have had throughout this class is the idea of a servantleader. This is something that I had not ever discussed in my four years at Wartburg. I wish in this sense I had taken this class my freshman year as I think that I would have strived to be a servant-leader. As I look at myself, this is something I would like to

there is one thing that I walked away with in this class, it is the importance of being a servant first. If I can do that, the leadership will continue to follow.

This class was a great way to end my four years at Wartburg College. It has given me the confidence of knowing that I am a leader and I can make a difference in my community. Wartburg and this class have made me a believer of dedicating my life to leadership and service through public action and community involvement.

Leadership Portfolio Summary

Throughout my four years at Wartburg I have grown and changed in so many ways. It has been through my experiences on and off this campus that have helped to shape who I am today. Through this portfolio and program I have been able to look at myself and learn who I am when it comes to being a leader. In leading there are no right or wrong answers. Leading is about constant change. Leading is about respect. Leading is about learning. Throughout these reflections I can see that all of these attributes have played a role in my college career. I have had so many wonderful opportunities to use my leadership skills here at Wartburg, and I feel confident that I can carry those skills into the next stage of my life. This program is all about making people become more aware of who they are. No one can make a leader, but a leader is one that will always be out there looking for ways to be better. I think that this program truly has allowed me to look at myself and learn what I have become. It has also help to ensure that I will be taking away from Wartburg much more than a marketing degree. I will be taking with me a true sense of who I am and what I have become.

I have walked the path. I have gained the knowledge. It is time to let my journey

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Leadership Resume

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President of Castle Singers 2003-2004

Presided at all rehearsals of the organization and of the council

Account Executive for Tower Agency 2002-2004

Delegated committee members for promotional Tower Agency Event

Planned and led small and large group Tower

Wartburg College Collegiate Chapter of the American Marketing Association Executive

President 2003-2004

Designed and implemented a marketing research project for the American Red Cross

Co-Chair for Wartburg Homecoming Coronation Committee 2003

Organized voting for homecoming candidates

Wartburg College Ambassador 2001-2002

Gave tours to prospective students

Wartburg College Alumni Office 2000-present

Produce and organize mailings for alumni events

Maintain alumni records using specialized computer software

Assist in planning events on or around Wartburg's campus

Volunteer Big Sister with the Big Brother/Big Sister Program 2002-2003

Mentored a eight-year-old boy from Tripoli, IA Went bowling, sledding and other
fun activities

Leadership Program Plan

I. Required Classes

A. LS 115: Exploring Elements of II.

Leadership Resume

III. Reflection Demonstrating Initiative

A. Tower Agency-Mr. Wartburg/Knights Challenge

I. I have been involved with the Tower Agency since my freshmen year. The first two years I helped out with the Mr.

Wartburg contest. My junior year I was asked to be chair of the IV. Reflection Paper in Designated Leadership Course In Student's

Major A. Advertising BA354

1. Last semester I took advertising as a part of my major requirement. I was really looking forward to this course since advertising is what I truly enjoy. The class ended up being one of V. Reflection Paper in Designated Leadership Course Outside Student's

Major A. Leadership Theories and Practices ID315

1. Although this is a required class to complete the Leadership Certificate Program, I was registered up to take the class before I knew I would attempt to attain the certificate. This class opened VI. Reflection Paper in Designated Leadership Course In or Outside

Student's Major

A. Castle Singers

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1.1 was elected to be President of Castle Singers for the 2003-04

VII. Reflection Paper on Difference and

Diversity A. Wartburg West- summer

2003

1. I had the opportunity to go to Wartburg West for the summer and it was the best experience of my life. While I was there I got

VIII. Reflection on Service Component A. Big Brother/Big Sister 1. During my

sophomore and junior year of college I was a big sister to an eight-year-old boy from Tripoli, IA. It was wonderful getting to know a child who has experienced major challenges in his life, more than I can ever imagine. I was a mentor and leader to him, and in some way I IX.

X. Portfolio Summary Reflection Paper

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