LEADERSHIP

LESSONS

DIVERSITY! Why It’s Important in Leadership

Welcome back for Spring Semester! My name is Ernest Evans and currently I am obtaining my Masters in Higher Education Student Affairs. I currently work as the Graduate Assistant for Academic and Career Advising. I have been a student at IUPUI for the past 5 years, and had numerous opportunities to shape my leadership skills. Leadership is important to the development of diverse students in the institution of higher education. As a minority study leader I can honestly say that the leadership position that I held throughout my time as an undergraduate student at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis shaped the person that I am today. These positions, although they were primarily in multicultural student organizations, taught me to work efficiently with students and administration from all walks of life. I also learned to effectively manage my time and prioritize. The leadership positions prepared me for a life long career in student affairs.

There are several bodies of research that speak to the importance of diversity in the institution of higher education. Much of that research speaks to the holistic development that takes place once a student is placed in a diverse environment. Through learning more about this research as a second year student in a higher education and student affairs masters program I learned that I am proof of this research. I am the student leader that benefited from the frequent interaction with students and faculty and staff from different backgrounds. I am the student that was able to learn more about myself through my interactions and involvement in several different student organizations. I take pride in these things and I know that they can create better well-rounded students.

Being able to work with others different than ourselves is key to being a great leader. So as you embark on your academic endeavors here at IUPUI, get involved and surround yourself with as many people as you can. This experience with shape you in a great leader for the campus and the community.
Leadership To GO
Want someone to come present to your group or student organization? We have just the people for you! The Leadership Consultants are student leaders trained in facilitating presentations to help your organization thrive. Through the LEADERSHIP TO-GO program, student organization leaders can request presentations from the SOLD program. Depending on your organization's wants and needs, the Leadership Consultants can create a workshop or presentation for your organization. More information and a request form can be found on their website: http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/revived/leadership-programs/programs-seminars/leadership-go.shtml

Women’s Leadership Reception
As part of the annual Women’s History Month observance at IUPUI, the Women’s History Month Committee recognizes female leaders, from across campus, at a leadership reception. The Annual Women’s Leadership Reception held each spring recognizes the special contributions of IUPUI female faculty, staff, and students to the campus and greater community.

The 17th Annual Leadership Reception will be held on March 26, 2014 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theater. Applications will be available in January 2014.

Leadership Reception
Each year, The Office of Student Involvement and campus partners gather for the Annual Leadership Reception to recognize the outstanding work of student leaders and student organizations at IUPUI. This year’s reception is scheduled for Sunday, April 27, 2014. Details on award nominations will be announced early in the Spring 2014 semester.

Amazing Jaguars
Is there someone that you work with through your involvement at IUPUI that continuously goes above and beyond in his or her particular area of leadership? The Amazing Jaguar program is a fantastic way to acknowledge leaders at IUPUI that are exhibiting excellence in the work they are doing!

Anyone—Students, Faculty, and Staff—can nominate an Amazing Jaguar. Visit the form on the Lead IUPUI website, http://studentaffairs.iupui.edu/mylead/leadership-programs/student-recognition/amazing-jaguar.shtml, to place a nomination. You can include thoughts about how this student has increased student engagement, built community with others, and/or shown excellence as a leader. All nominees will receive a highly-coveted Amazing Jaguar mug and will be recognized at the 2014 Leadership Reception!

If you or your student organization would like to begin receiving this monthly newsletter electronically, please e-mail lead@iupui.edu.

The Office of Student Involvement has many great experiences for students looking to be successful and make a difference in their world. Lead IUPUI provides a variety of leadership opportunities to meet the needs of all IUPUI students, including you! For more information about Lead IUPUI and all of our programs and events this semester, please visit lead.iupui.edu.

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