

Emerging Leader reflection paper
Second year class
Spring 2009

Introduction

The second year of the Emerging Leaders Program is intended to promote learning in four areas: **relationship building, communication skills, ethical practices, and team development**. Please answer these questions (on a separate sheet of paper(s) and typed) regarding those topics, and comment on your leadership experiences this semester:

Describe a situation in which you had to make an ethical decision. What was the outcome?

What does critical thinking mean to you? How have you had to use that this semester?

How will you incorporate what you have learned thus far in the program to your next leadership opportunities?

Discuss a situation that you encountered this year when you had to make a choice between benefitting yourself or your organization/group. What was your decision-making process? Do you believe that your decision assisted with the team development aspect of your group? Why or Why not?

University of Memphis Organization Leadership Experience

How does your organization create a group to last beyond these group members?

How do you learn what other people's strengths are?

Knowledge of Community

How, through your experiences, have you come to understand the University as a community? How do you fit into that community?

Community Service

List your community service experiences including where, time and date, and what you did? Note: each experience should be listed separately. Additionally, please answer whether any of these experiences contributed to your (listed below) and if so how:

- 1.) Understanding of diverse cultural, political and intellectual views
- 2.) Willingness to seek new experiences
- 3.) Ability to work well with others
- 4.) Ability to learn from the community what its needs are and how your work addresses those needs
- 5.) Ability to recognize the short-term and long-term impacts of the service

6.) Other (if none of the above are applicable please submit a statement that demonstrates what you learned from this experience and explain how)

Workshop Experience – Do not simply describe the session; discuss the learning that took place.

What workshops did you attend—please include, date and who presented?

Describe what you learned from these programs and how you will use this knowledge in future interactions as a leader?

What influence has these workshops had on your view of the topics?

Speaker Experience -- Do not simply describe the session; discuss the learning that took place.

Which speakers did you attend? Please list each separately

What influence did these presentations have on your views on leadership? None is an unacceptable answer unless explained why in depth?

How will you apply the knowledge shared in the speakers' presentations to your leadership growth?

Overall Experience

What was your most valuable learning experience this year? How have you been able to apply that?

What are most looking forward to next year?