

LeaderTIPS:

Tools, Ideas, and Possibilities for Success

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INTERPERSONAL
LEADERSHIP

“If your actions inspire others to dream more,
learn more, do more and become
more, you are a leader.”
- John Quincy Adams

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It seems as though popular culture has inundated us with the idea that the more visible someone is, the more influential they are. There is a lot of truth in this belief, but it ignores a very powerful aspect of who affects our habits and choices. Often, the people who actually have the most impact on our decisions and character are those with whom we form relationships through work, play or chance. These relationships are fundamental to how we inspire others. It is then up to you as a leader to recognize and take advantage of this unique position that each and every one of us has the potential to foster change and have a positive influence in the lives of those around us. Everyone of us has access to this opportunity to be a leader, so don't let it go to waste!

Consistent Leadership

The old adage “lead by example” is powerful not just because it's old, but because it's true! Nearly every leader will agree with the accuracy of this statement, but it is sometimes difficult to live it out and connect it to your personal life and actions. It is all too easy to get caught up and apply it to yourself only during those occasions when you feel like you are actively leading. However, the most important times to make sure one is consistent in living out their values is when they are interacting with others in their personal time. It is there you show that you truly recognize and believe that leadership happens at all times. If someone isn't making a conscious effort to improve themselves, it is difficult for others to follow them. Plus, the more you practice living out your values, the stronger they become.

TOOL OF THE MONTH**The Source**

The Source is an online leadership resource center. It has tools, activities, and helpful tips for developing your leadership skills. Whether you want to put on a program for others or are just curious, the Source can help!

Access it anytime at:
www.seattleu.edu/source

**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- *Want to eat lunch with a leader? Then sign up for the Lunches with Leader series. For more information on this unique opportunity visit: www.seattleu.edu/leadership. Or to sign up via email contact oxenhand@seattleu.edu.*
- *Let us help you! Order a Leadership Take-Out and one of our well-trained staff members will facilitate a workshop catered specifically to your group. Contact pegram-f@seattleu.edu for all of the details.*
- *Bravo! Leadership Development applauds you. We want to hear about someone you know who exemplifies what it means to be a leader. Go nominate them today at www.seattleu.edu/leadership*

Don't Limit Yourself!

Expand your chances to exercise leadership and develop your leadership skills in life. Learn to recognize chances where you can help outside any official positions or duties you may have in a club, class or activity. Leadership isn't just something you practice for two hours each Tuesday night, it is a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week commitment.

Challenge:

Identify an opportunity to help someone else expand their skills, knowledge, and abilities. This might be simply encouraging them to follow a passion they have a talent for or nominating them for an award or position. Think about ways in which you might be able to encourage them to engage in that opportunity through the personal relationship you

have with them. Then act. Invite them to join you in a movement, club, or event and provide affirmation that they would make a great addition. Make sure not to be too pushy though! It is important that you don't pressure someone into an uncomfortable situation, but sometimes that extra support is all the help they need to take their next step in leadership.

SU SPOTLIGHT:BROADWAY REJECTS
IMPROV COMEDY SHOW

Come relax and
relieve some
stress before
finals week!

In Pigott Auditorium on
Friday, December 7th
@ 9:00 PM