



“Leaders are people who are able to express themselves fully...they know who they are, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how to fully deploy their strengths and compensate for their weaknesses. They also know what they want, why they want it, and how to communicate what they want to others, in order to gain compensation and support. Finally, they know how to achieve their goals. The key to full self-expression is understanding one's self and the world, and the key to understanding is learning - from one's own life and experience.”

-Warren Bennis

"On Becoming a Leader"

“Tell me and I forget, Teach me and I remember, Involve me and I will learn.”

~ Benjamin Franklin, 1750

“There is an intimate and necessary relation between the process of actual experience and education.”

~ John Dewey, 1938



Thomas COLLEGE Leadership Academy

Thomas COLLEGE Student Affairs

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The Thomas College Leadership Academy is open to new students, by invitation only, who are entering Thomas College with a high school GPA of 3.2 or above.

All fees related to this Academy are covered by the College so there is no cost to the student. We ask that in return, the student fully commits to the entire program.

In order to participate, students must submit a completed Application Form indicating their willingness to commit to the full program. The first official Academy date for attendance is the Kick-Off Meeting held during the first few weeks of school. Participation in the Academy provides tools that can assist you in earning a Digital Badge as well!



WHAT IS A LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?

The Leadership Academy is designed to develop leaders through the acquisition & application of knowledge, skills, abilities, experience, mentoring & personal reflection.

Students who register for the Leadership Academy will be required to attend four leadership workshops in the fall semester and the Annual Leadership Conference.

Participants will also participate in either a service project or an experiential learning session* and meet with an appointed Leadership Guide (a professional staff member on campus). Participants will be invited to celebrate the culmination of the Academy with a Leadership panel and Celebratory dinner at the end of the semester to receive their certificate of completion from the Academy and Academy gift.

**What is Experiential Learning and why is it important...*

Experiential learning and service are methods of educating through first-hand experience outside of a traditional instructor setting. Students learn by doing, discovering, reflecting and applying & as a result, develop communication skills and self-confidence and gain and strengthen decision-making skills by responding to and solving problems and processes - or assisting those in need by providing necessary services to support an individual or organization; these are key qualities current employers are seeking out in today's job market.



LEADERSHIP ACADEMY COMMITMENTS

- September: Kick-Off Meeting
- Individual Meeting w/Leadership Guide
- Leadership Workshops — must attend at least 4 (four) sample topics include:
 - *Leadership Styles
 - *Effective Communication
 - *Community Conversations
 - *Thinking Outside the Box: Innovation
 - *Working in Teams
 - *Balancing Self-Care as a Leader
- Experiential Learning Session OR Community Service Project (attend one)
- Annual Leadership Conference — Sat. Nov. 14th 9am-4pm
- Leadership Panel & Celebratory Dinner Wed. Nov. 18th 5pm (tentative)