



What people are saying about The LeaderShape® Institute...

(in 2009)

It was a mind-blowing week. I learned so much about myself, my future, how to be a leader, and so much about other people from across the world. I met some great people and have friends for life to go along with the skills to continue to grow as a leader.

Daniel Barrancotta
Medaille College

This week was very challenging, but I've acquired skills that I can bring back to my college campus. I almost did not want to start summer vacation, wishing instead to get right to work implementing what I learned at LeaderShape. Not only did I learn a lot about myself, I saw the same transformation occurring in the other students who attended. I was amazed that during meals we would not be talking about campus life back home and comparing professors, but heavy topics that left lasting impressions. The atmosphere at LeaderShape was contagiously open and understanding; I have never before been in a situation where I felt so comfortable with people I had just met. I came to LeaderShape a shy, quiet student who preferred to listen rather than share her opinions. After a week of intensive sharing and receiving feedback from other students attending, I have learned that my voice is valued and my opinions can help group discussion.

Jenifer Collins
Rollins College

The LeaderShape experience was the most developmental and inspiring leadership glimpse that I've ever had. LeaderShape's impossibility notion has already changed my world, and with your help I will continue to change ours

Heather Buzzard
Emory University

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I had such a wonderful week. I made so many amazing new friends! The week was a great time for me to step out of my comfort zone and “dig deep.” I gained powerful knowledge throughout the week and I was also able to enhance my leadership skills.

Ashlyn Shaffer
University of Indianapolis

Because of this experience I have been inspired to start my own non-profit that focuses on scholarship and leadership development for youth throughout the world.

Kevin Stump
SUNY-Plattsburgh

I have attended and taught several leadership courses through the Boy Scouts of America. I can say with certainty, that LeaderShape is the best leadership program I have attended because they give you the tools to make your vision a reality.

Andrew Conachey
University of Houston

This is an amazing program that encourages people to follow their vision and passion and to make the world a better place. If all people could attend this program, the world would be a much better world. I have taken so much wisdom from this program that will help me in every aspect of life.

Josh Everett
University of New Mexico

LeaderShape has been nothing short of amazing. The people and environment were truly inspiring.

Caitlin Lotty
Neumann University

Before I attended LeaderShape, I had put my vision aside and settled for reality. “Manageable” goals became my only priority: school, work, family. My ideas were put in the background and with them, a part of me. I truly felt as though this experience has been a journey, an awakening. Because of the unforgettable experience, I have rekindled the relationship with my inner self, and now, I am back into the true reality – the reality that we are all here to make a difference for our posterity.

Chelsa Barnett-Cannon
East Tennessee State University

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I learned, laughed, and loved the total experience. I realized that leading is about making others feel better about themselves. LeaderShape is a true example of positive change. From learning techniques for listening, to more about my leadership style, and gaining opinions from a diverse community - I came away full of rich knowledge. What six days can do!

Sara Chandler
Emory University

I can't explain how amazing of an organization LeaderShape is. LeaderShape has taught me to see my potential.

Amy Shupe
Southern Utah University

This organization has literally changed my life. I came into it thinking it was just another leadership conference but I was quickly proven wrong. I learned that there really are people out there who encourage the impossible and don't judge you based on your past. I had no idea the impact LeaderShape would have on my future life goals either. I have known for years that I wanted to be a teacher but didn't know how to make a large impact. I felt the need to be more than just an ordinary teacher. Now, I am working on spreading literacy in my hometown, and hopefully, in the future, the world.

Lindsey Welsh
Eureka College

LeaderShape has been one of the best experiences of my life.

Bill Keenan
Neumann College

I've learned so much about how to become a stronger leader and create a positive vision for the future. LeaderShape has also been a great opportunity to meet other leaders and challenged me to become a better person.

Cora Daniel
Indiana University – Purdue University - Indianapolis

Thank you for the most formidable experience of my life! Indeed LeaderShape has been fun and interesting. The motivated individuals, creative challenges, excellent support staff and the kind hospitality of the Allerton staff have all been the highlights of my time here. If I could do it all over again I would. Admittedly my life, and general approach to situations, will never be the same again.

Kemoy Smith
Kettering University

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LeaderShape has my life forever. Never before have I been guided to explore my passions in a “nothing is impossible” environment. Here at LeaderShape I have been able to do just that and so much more. Instead of helping my community I am helping the world and will continue to use the tools I have acquired here throughout my life. I can make my dreams a reality now and for that I am forever grateful.

Jacob Jenson
Salt Lake Community College

Over the past week I have felt a transformation in myself into a leader.

Patton Hunt
Dalton State College

It was a surreal week! I was surrounded by other college students who were not only driven to make a positive change, but also full of excitement and encouragement for those around the world to do the same.

Praise Santos
Rollins College

Since I have been at LeaderShape I have learned many things that have impacted me and will instill changes that will ripple beyond just myself. LeaderShape has been a blessing in my life.

John Nudd
Salt Lake Community College

LeaderShape has completely altered my perception of everything I thought I knew about myself and the world around me. This was an experience that can never be replaced. This week challenged me to really step outside of my comfort zone and project myself in the way that I really want to be perceived. The people and lessons that I learned will be forever engraved in my memory as one of the best times of my life.

Katherine Bacher
Washington & Jefferson College

This week has been a challenging but yet eye-opening experience for me. I have learned valuable lessons and received information that I will take with me into my life and future leadership opportunities.

Malisa Cawood
Dalton State College

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The skills I am developing will last a lifetime and I am truly thankful for this great opportunity. I hope that many students will get this experience and be able to attend LeaderShape for years to come.

Gina Natale
Drexel University

LeaderShape taught me how to lead with integrity and really how to make a vision become reality.

Treacy Weldon
University of Iowa

I believe my experience at The LeaderShape Institute was life changing. As a young woman I have faced many difficult life situations that simply should not be experienced at my age and getting through such dark times was difficult. I often felt alone and silenced; LeaderShape not only taught me how to build community, challenge what is, bring my vision to reality and to live and lead with integrity, but LeaderShape showed me that I never lost my voice. My voice is still inside of me. I met such amazing souls throughout my journey and I cannot wait to see what amazing changes LeaderShape attendees, as well as myself, can bring into our world.

Geralynn Legaspi
California State University – Monterey Bay

Never have I felt so fostered and valued as a young leader as I have at LeaderShape, and I must say that my boundaries and perceptions of what is possible (both of me and from me) are being stretched every moment.

Jamie Mann
University of Florida

The experience I had at LeaderShape will change how I lead.

Kristy Marden
Salt Lake Community College

Here at LeaderShape, I've learned that nothing is impossible. As long as we are not afraid to "get out of our comfort zone," we can change the world. I've learned to dream big and to have a vision. I've also learned the importance of integrity, which is to have the courage to do what we know to be right no matter the cost. These are lessons I feel will be valuable throughout my life and they will help me no matter what situation may arise.

Melissa Kari
Sinte Gleska University

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My life has changed for the better because of the experiences I have had.

Bart Upah
University of Northern Iowa

Although I expected prior to coming to enhance my leadership skills or maybe learn a new leadership philosophy, I can honestly say that I have been transformed and inspired to live to give and work incredibly toward my vision.

Meagan Wayland
Texas Christian University

Here at LeaderShape I have learned so many things that I can't imagine living without.

Duane Lindsay
California State University – Monterey Bay

LeaderShape really pushed me to establish a wider range of skills and look deep inside myself to find my true passion and vision for the future I want to create. What I have learned through LeaderShape is that no matter how far of a reach my vision may be, it is still attainable.

Caroline Allen
Tulane University

This has been the experience of a lifetime.

Allie Collins
Ohio Dominion University

Never before have I been challenged to think as much about my passions, world vision, and integrity. The hands-on activities have given me invaluable feedback on how to improve on my team leadership skills. I love the accepting LeaderShape community that has allowed me to step out of my comfort zone and take risks; be it confronting my fears of the dark, or having constructive conversations with people whom I disagree. It has made a tremendous positive impact on my life.

Lina Colucci
Duke University

I came here thinking I lacked vision but have come to see that all I lack is the confidence to follow my passions. I have gained that missing confidence this week. It is a phenomenal feeling.

Ramsey Glass
University of British Columbia

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I can honestly say that LeaderShape has been one of the most influential weeks of my life. LeaderShape has taught me not only about leadership, but also about many other things that I will take with me throughout my entire life.

Tyler Kimbrell
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

It has changed my life and had a great impact on me!

Alayna Ferrin
Southern Utah University

LeaderShape has been extraordinary. I had the best time of my life. This program changed me in a way that making a difference in my community is number one on my list.

Anne Joseph
Moravian College

One of my favorite things I learned this week is that nothing is impossible.

Michele Lowell
Michigan State University

LeaderShape has changed my life completely. I feel very inspired by everything I've heard, seen, and talked about here – truly a life-changing experience. I thought after attending all these leadership workshops on campus, I knew everything there was to learn about leadership – I was very, very wrong. Everything I've learned this week has been special and unique and extremely relevant to leading today.

Prineha Narang
Drexel University

LeaderShape has helped me gain back a large majority of the self-confidence I had lost over the years, especially as a leader.

Janine Noel
Moravian College

I learned so much about myself. It's okay to be vulnerable and that is actually what opens the pathways for possibility. Also, youth these days have such a passion for change and advancement that I was regularly in awe of the work of my peers. I have never been so impacted by my peers as I have this week.

Mattie Robertson
Drake University

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I came to this institute with a completely different mindset of what to expect during the week. Every experience throughout the week surpassed my expectations. I learned an extraordinary amount about leadership that I honestly thought I already knew. I feel that any adult would benefit from this experience and would discover their potential and goals in life.

Gina PolICASTRO
Washington & Jefferson College

I can honestly say that my life is changed forever. My time at LeaderShape has taught me that one person can change the world if they put their mind and heart into it.

Jerry Broniec
Millersville University

I have had the most fantastic experience and met some of the most fabulous and inspirational people in my life.

Luis Rendon
Texas Women's University

As a student of LeaderShape, this experience is one I will never forget. I have made many friends that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Because I am deaf, this experience taught me to overcome personal challenges and incorporate the things I learned in my daily life. By being myself, I know that someday I can be a leader.

Alyssa Schreiner
Rochester Institute of Technology

LeaderShape has been a fantastic experience. I have learned so much about myself and everyone here. I will never forget this week!

Jen Sansome
George Washington University

My experience at LeaderShape has truly changed my life. This week built my confidence up through learning about effective leadership and learning about myself. Knowledge is power and LeaderShape taught me so much.

Justin Sisko
Moravian College

LeaderShape has reignited my passion and renewed my commitment to creating positive change in the world.

Reese Zarreii
Tulane University

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It is difficult to truly explain everything that we did at LeaderShape. It is one of the greatest experiences in my life. I recall asking other students who had gone to LeaderShape before me, and they could not describe it, or go into details. They always had a smile and said that it was a life-changing experience. I completely agree with them. This process changes leaders in positive ways. That is truly difficult to achieve.

Ryan Ganser
University of Maryland

I've come to realize that I learned so much about myself and have really redefined myself into what I believe is a more confident and capable leader.

Justin Chambers
University of New Hampshire

Throughout the week I learned that there are no limits to what I can achieve, and that I really can change the world.

Arin Amsler
University of Iowa

LeaderShape has inspired me to pursue my dreams

Arielle Hruska
Minnesota State University – Mankato

The LeaderShape Institute is truly inspiring. The biggest thing that I have learned while spending time here is the power of one. One can change the world because nothing is impossible. This is truly an outstanding program.

Michael Winter
Oregon State University

I can honestly tell you LeaderShape is the most enriching program I have ever attended.

Caroline Stevens
John Carroll University

I learned so much about myself and was challenged by the incredible people attending and leading The LeaderShape Institute.

Stephanie Riley
University of Alabama

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LeaderShape was awesome in every way. I was able to write down the goals that I've kept only in my head for a while now. LeaderShape has the best curriculum I've experienced.

Tyler Tarpalechee
The Institute of American Indian Arts

After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized that I have what it takes to impact the world.

Mairin Petrone
Duquesne University

As an Accounting, Economics, and Finance major, it is difficult to avoid the news surrounding integrity and our business leaders. The LeaderShape Institute has really made me focus on that now, more than ever, it is crucial as a future business leader to live my life according to my values and make decisions that will uphold my integrity. My experience at LeaderShape has really given me the tools and resources to improve on my leadership abilities.

Sean Crossley
Albright College

It was a great learning experience. After attending LeaderShape, I realized that I can ask for help instead of trying to take everything on by myself.

Joyce Cochran
Fort Belknap Community College

This whole thing has left me speechless. I can say that I have spent a week around the most inspiring people I've ever met. My life is forever changed. I cannot thank you enough for this life-changing experience.

Trent Kimbrell
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