



**What people are saying about
The LeaderShape® Institute...**
(in 2011)

I loved how open everyone was. I felt totally comfortable to be myself and open up to the people there. If you could picture a place full of harmony and free of judgment, that is what LeaderShape is. I can't wait to take this positive energy back to my college and campus.

*Briana Krans
Moravian College*

What impressed me at LeaderShape, and the biggest lesson I took with me, was the power of community.

*Chris Apling
University of Northern Iowa*

LeaderShape provided me with a new outlook on life and helped me to find my passion. For me LeaderShape was about personal growth. I found my voice and know that I am able to help and lead others by staying true to who I am.

*Bria Harper
University of Alabama*

I feel that, because of my attendance, I finally know what my purpose is.

*Caitlin Mateer
Texas Christian University*

After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized the power of thinking positive. We live in a world where ideas have to be reasonable and most of us fail to take risks. At the Institute, I learned that when you think in terms of possibility and positivity, the passion inside of us gets bigger and bigger. The vision gets much clearer and the determination to get there sparks an explosion of creativity and ideas. All of this is due to living in possibility and ignoring the "no's" and the word "can't".

*Alison Gulati
Lehigh University*

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LeaderShape was truly inspiring and it helped me grow as a person. I'm applying what I learned to my everyday life and to the organization I am a part of on campus.

*Ashley Le
University of Illinois*

After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized that anything is possible; I just have to believe in myself and be fearless.

*Matthew C. Hudson
University of Indianapolis*

An important lesson I have taken away from LeaderShape is a great understanding of myself. I went into LeaderShape with a lot of passion but no focus and no vision. I now know my strengths and weaknesses, and how to reflect upon these in order to always keep growing and improving. I have a realistic picture of where I am in my life, where I want to go, and what I need to do to get there. I have truly found myself in in this process and that invaluable.

*Hanna McElroy
University of South Dakota*

LeaderShape was the single most transformational even I have ever attended.

*Ryan McDowall
Wentworth Institute of Technology*

After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've learned so much about myself and who I want to be. One day in the curriculum was dedicated completely to living and leading with integrity, and I realized exactly how important my core values are to me. Though I've always been pretty confident in my beliefs, this experience reaffirmed all the things that are important to me. We came in to learn how to be better leaders, but I also feel I left as a better person, too.

*Nicole Own
Moravian College*

LeaderShape refocused my values and aspirations and was a defining week that allowed me to reconnect with the person I want to be.

*Stosch Sabo
Winona State University*

I saw through my experience at LeaderShape that I can never let fear keep me from doing what I care about most.

*Amy Fitzjarrald
University of Illinois*

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The experience was surprisingly and refreshingly unlike any leadership conference I have attended before. The small group atmosphere allowed for more openness between students and provided better insight into my peers' opinions, which actually shaped my own views. My experience may have only been a week long, but I haven't a doubt that it will carry throughout my college career as well as my post-graduate years.

Sarah Rader
Oklahoma State University

Connecting with such a diverse group of students my age gave me hope that there is a world where tolerance and inclusion is possible.

Emily Several
Villanova University

LeaderShape helped me to open my mind to different thoughts, ideas, and people. This has greatly helped my outlook.

Michael Henry
University of Alabama-Huntsville

During this week I learned to be more confident and to take advantage of every opportunity presented to me.

Carla Fager
Ohio Wesleyan University

After attending LeaderShape, I've realized that my passions are worth pursuing. By using my strengths as a leader, I can turn my passions into a career of service to make a better world.

Lauren Dempsey
University of Maryland, College Park

After attending LeaderShape, I learned that I have a strong set of core values centered around loyalty, respect, responsibility, wisdom, and compassion. In addition, I now realize that while I have been a successful leader in the past, LeaderShape has presented me with the tools to be both a stronger leader and a better person.

Will Pett
Northeastern University

I have learned that to create a motivated, dedicated, and inclusive community an understanding must be made toward mutual respect, and more importantly, mutual vulnerability.

Christopher Tarantino
Rochester Institute of Technology

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I have never been in an environment where we each got a chance to have such honest and transparent conversations.

*Vivian Wong
Rochester Institute of Technology*

I was glad to learn how to bounce back from mistakes and failures. Instead of thinking about the negative, LeaderShape taught me how to look at mistakes with a more positive perspective of learning something new.

*Kamya Raja
Tulane University*

What I found most striking about The LeaderShape Institute is that the focus was not merely on us becoming better leaders but better people. Because of that, all of us became deeply invested in helping one another to do both. From motivating, encouraging, persuading, and influencing to knowing when to get out of the way and allow other people to do those things, I have learned a great deal.

*Christopher James
University of Southern Mississippi*

The secure and intimate environment that the Institute nurtured allowed me to open up, listen, and grow into the leader that I want and can become.

*Johanan Rodriguez
University of Texas-Dallas*

Going into LeaderShape, I never would have imagined that I would have formed so many deep and incredible relationships, received as much love and support as I did and, more than anything, discovered so much about what I bring to the table as an aspiring young individual of society.

*Mark Przybylski
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*

I've developed a strong sense of self, but the Institute made it even more resolute. I know that I can undoubtedly be my own person, dream my own dream, and greatly impact others.

*Jami Conley
Missouri State University*

I realized not only that I can make a difference but that I will. I learned to listen to the ideas of others because every member of the group has something to say. I learned to always make sure that my actions and decisions align with my core values: love, happiness, truth, respect, and knowledge.

*Grace Summers
Duke University*

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