

Parish Leadership Institute



Since 2012, the Leadership Institute (LI) has challenged students to discover their purpose by identifying their talents, passions and values. Through a combination of coursework, professional workshops, mentoring and a culminating project, students realize their ability to make a lasting impact on their community. Guided by our tenets of *Wisdom, Honor and Service*, LI students partner with both public agencies as well as private sector entities to tackle real world issues. Students accepted into Leadership Institute during their freshman year commit to three years of leadership coursework, experiential activities and projects. Those who successfully complete the program requirements receive a Leadership Institute endorsement on their diplomas, an enduring mark that recognizes the sum of their program-related accomplishments and distinguishing them as young people of impact.

Program Objectives:

The Leadership Institute has been designed to prepare its Upper School participants to make a positive impact by:

- Building a deeper self-awareness of their talents and passions
- Sharpening their skills for inspiring and enabling themselves and others to think bigger and act bolder

Identifying how they can use their talents, passions and leadership skills to achieve lasting results

Program Components

- Coursework
- Professional Workshops
- Mentorship
- Lead Project

Program Requirements:

- Participation in three workshops each academic year
- Participation in the mentor matching process
- Completion of a substantive Lead project
- Presentation of Lead project scope and impact at the LI Exposition

Lead Project

A Lead Project is born where the student's passion and the community's need intersect. The hallmark of a substantive Lead project is one that is based on the design thinking model and has a measurable impact. We encourage students to challenge themselves to **THINK BIGGER** as they identify their project issue area, to **ACT BOLDER** as they execute their project so they are able to **MAKE A LASTING IMPACT** on the community.

Mentorship

LI students are matched with a professional mentor from the extended Parish community to provide support and guidance as they plan and execute their Lead project. Our network of accomplished professional mentors includes entrepreneurs, physicians, lawyers, creatives and philanthropists. LI cohorts work closely with mentors to expand both their network and their skill set to enhance the impact of their projects.

Professional Workshops

Leadership Institute workshops are designed to expose students to skills that will serve them during college and beyond. Workshop topics include, but are not limited to:

- Personality strength assessments
- Emotional intelligence training
- Problem-solving
- Conflict mediation skills
- Entrepreneurship
- Interviewing Tip
- Professional communication skills

Application Process

(Conducted during 9th grade year)

- February - Applications open and are due by the end of the month
- March - In-person interviews
- April - Decision communication

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