



**What people are saying about  
The LeaderShape® Institute...**  
(in 2014)

I could not be more grateful for attending this Institute and being able to take a great deal of knowledge back to my campus. I follow my ideals, values, and beliefs from The LeaderShape Institute in my everyday life.

*Matthew Kadota  
California State University-Northridge*

I went to the conference with dreams and passions and left passionate to turn them into reality.

*Jessie Thomas  
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

I learned so much about what I want to do in the future, focusing on it, and how I'm going to get there. I also met so many people who I plan on keeping in touch with for the rest of my life.

*Gabby Clarke  
Ohio University-Athens*

In six days, I had the honor of working and bonding with the most incredible individuals I have ever met. Beyond that, we found ourselves in a unique environment where cooperation, trust, and a close-knit community were epitomized.

LeaderShape showed me the person I want to be. I have never felt so inspired, and the lessons learned will stay with me for the rest of my life.

*Audrey McSain  
Moravian College*

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The LeaderShape Institute taught me more than any classroom course and helped me discover more about myself. I learned about my core values and why they are significant to me. I was significantly challenged throughout the week, especially with the coin game, but that helped me grow even more.

*Nicole Marzziotti  
University of Richmond*

After attending LeaderShape I've realized so much about myself, including identifying my core values of love, faith, knowledge, service, and loyalty. I was so excited to get to build relationships with some truly genuine and inspirational people who allowed me to open up to them and opened themselves up to me! As one of my new friends said, 'It is an honor when someone is vulnerable with you. It's a treasure.'

*Michelle Leao  
The College of New Jersey*

I was challenged to discover more about myself as a leader as well as my passions.

*Abby Van Note  
University of New Hampshire-Durham*

My life will be forever changed because of this opportunity. After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized that I can and will be a great leader. I learned how to formulate my vision and what I need to do in order to accomplish my goals.

*Robyn Madrishin  
Ohio Wesleyan University*

Because of LeaderShape, I have strengthened my voice and gained the confidence I will need to help make this world a better place.

*Meg Brockett  
Moravian College*

Not only was this event the first time being outside of Texas, but also it was my first time traveling by plane. LeaderShape has taught me my stronger and weaker assets, but most of all, LeaderShape has taught me the meaning of teamwork.

*Claudia Sanchez-Lucas  
Texas Woman's University*

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Throughout the week, I was challenged to look at the world outside of my own life while also figuring out what leading with integrity means to me. I also met some amazing people with warm hearts and big dreams.

*Kristen Kenney  
Maryville University*

As 'Day 7' as we call it continues, I still find myself more comfortable talking about big issues, thoughts, and ideas with my fellow graduates as opposed to those I've known for years. The environment was just right for the rapid formation of strong bonds and lifelong partnerships. To have been able to witness that rapid community development was second to none, one that has filled me with optimism that the problems of this world are surmountable if we adopt a healthy disregard for the impossible and are willing to forgo pride and titles in exchange for a sustained commitment to making a difference.

*Steven Chaffin, Jr.  
University of Missouri-Columbia*

Some of my 'highs' for this week were learning about core values, ethical vs. non-ethical situations, and 50+ peoples' lives.

*Abhinaya Konduru  
University of Illinois-Chicago*

Each day began with a challenge, a nice little push before finally taking a step outside of my comfort zone. Whether it was a team building activity, a heavy discussion, or one-on-one feedback sessions, each activity in which we engaged was one that had an impact on me.

While I have known my passions, LeaderShape allowed me to articulate a vision that I see as absolutely necessary to be achieved. And I will work tirelessly to ensure that it comes to fruition.

*Natalie Davis  
The Ohio State University*

LeaderShape has inspired me more than I ever imagined by forcing me out of my comfort zone. We gave and received constructive criticism, learned empathy, and gained the willingness to strive for our largest dreams.

*Michael Howell  
University of Mississippi*

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The LeaderShape Institute has helped me define what I want to do in order to make a difference in my lifetime and how to change the world around me. There is no better way I would have wanted to spend that summer week.

*Courtney Pfluke  
Missouri State University*

Though difficult and rigorous, this experience was one of the highlights of my college career. The biggest take-away for me was the core values exercise. It truly opened my eyes to my personal values and what I strive to be.

*Kelly Myrup  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse*

The journey of leadership naturally followed my journey of self-discovery. The leadership journey of establishing my passions and values, developing a vision, committing to integrity, and taking action is a process that I can apply immediately; it is also a process that will be incorporated throughout my life.

*Zulfa Rizqiya  
Ohio University-Athens*

This experience truly broadened my perspective on many different life issues, solidified my core values, and made me realize the true importance of relationships. I connected with so many individuals with different backgrounds from my own and I got to know them in a deeper way than I know most of my best friends back home. I didn't think that it was possible to learn so much about my others and myself in just 6 short days. I was able to identify the kind of leader I am, including the associated strengths and weaknesses of my leadership style, and work towards improving myself.

*Amy Syvrud  
University of Virginia*

It's hard to believe that just six days could change a person, but the people that I met at LeaderShape and the relationships I forged feel stronger than what one would expect from a typical six-day conference.

*Rachel George  
University of Maryland*

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After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized that I've learned to always have a healthy disregard for the impossible. Throughout my life, I've never believed that having an impact on the world was possible, so I never took advantage of opportunities that would allow me to grow. After attending LeaderShape, I've learned to embrace every opportunity to grow, because it is completely possible to change the world, no matter where or what you come from.

*Delante Desouza  
University of Maryland-College Park*

By attending LeaderShape, I not only made life-long connections with several people, but I also found out more about myself and what I want to do with my life.

*Raul Centeno  
Wentworth Institute of Technology*

Some of my highs for the week included learning a lot about myself personally and meeting other young leaders. Meeting these other individuals was a great experience. Not only did it present an opportunity for networking, but it also further inspired me; seeing these young individuals who were driven, passionate, and invigorated about causes helped to fuel my passions even more.

*Kaitlin Garrett  
New Mexico State University*

I entered LeaderShape very quiet and afraid to speak my voice and thoughts, but by the end of the week I was in front of seventy people giving a speech and showing my true self. I saw my own transformation and the transformation of many this past week.

*Dana Tedesco  
The College of New Jersey*

Sometimes it is easy to be blind to the strengths we possess even though others can see them. My family cluster at LeaderShape turned my head to those strengths I have and gave me the confidence to use them. The connection I felt with my Cluster Facilitator and people I had never met before rivals that of any friend I have ever had. LeaderShape is a leadership training seminar, but it is also an environment where people connect on a level that breeds authenticity and, to be honest, love.

*Brian Thomas  
Dickinson College*

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The highlights of my week were the times spent with my family cluster. They were eleven of the most incredibly accomplished yet humble people and we gelled as a group very well. There were many laughs making skits and songs, but many serious moments of challenging and thought-provoking discussions.

*Kelly Zitka  
Southern Methodist University*

After attending The LeaderShape Institute, I've realized that I've learned the value of community and the impact I have within this community. The whole week was filled with opportunities to learn about who I am as an individual and where I see myself going in life. Achieving my dreams is not impossible if I maintain an adequate support system and express my core values.

*Andrew Dickson  
Cleveland State University*

What touched me most deeply and has stuck with me are: the central theme of leadership with integrity, my core values that I affirmed during one of the sessions, and the vision I developed during another session that will guide my life moving forward.

*Corin Menuge  
University of Wisconsin-Madison*

The principles set forth in The LeaderShape Institute, I believe, are some of the most valuable lessons to hold as a human being. By realizing your core values and determining what your vision is for the world, you are able to find a truer sense of self and a conviction you will carry for the rest of your life. The idea that there is value in each person but power in all is something I believe will always ring true. Those who lead with integrity are often hard to find in this world, and I am grateful for the challenge to make sure it is something I continue to do in my own life.

*Shelby Allen  
University of Central Oklahoma*

While I had a sense of who I was as a person and a leader going into the LeaderShape week, the thoughtful curriculum, facilitators, and other participants helped me ask some important questions and truly reflect on my values and goals. I feel the group experiences and guided self reflection of this conference have allowed me to become a more observant and self aware leader who can handle small situations, motivate others towards a common goal, and also think big.

*Ellie Goldman  
Kalamazoo College*

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