

Blog Prompt #1

As you begin to embark on this leadership journey, consider the assigned reading and all that you've experienced from a variety of leadership roles.

Why do you think leadership is important? Why do you want to learn about leadership? How does the study and pursuit of leadership impact your future?

Next, reflect upon your best personal leadership experience – an experience in which you were effective and authentic. Explain the scenario. What do you attribute to your effectiveness and authenticity?

Blog Prompt #2

List your top 5 strengths from the StrengthsFinder assessment report and comment on your reaction to this assessment tool. What, if anything, was surprising? What if anything, was affirming? What questions do you have about your strengths?

Next, provide 2 examples of how you've utilized your strengths (choose 1 or 2) to make an impact as a leader.

Blog Prompt #3

During class on February 15, you completed the My Leadership Reputation worksheet. As a next step, ask 3 friends/family members to complete the "others think I am" column of the worksheet. Then, have a discussion with the person providing you with feedback. Only one of the 3 people may be a family member.

Once you receive feedback from 3 people, compare the "I think I am" with the "others think I am" columns you completed in class to the feedback you received from others. Reflect on the process of evaluating yourself and receiving feedback from others. How did this process make you feel? How did you make sense of the feedback you received? What feedback was consistent from all three people? What feedback was inconsistent? What did you learn about yourself as a result of this activity?

Blog Prompt #4

Tell me about a community in which you are a member, excluding your family, and describe the obligations of being in that a community and how those obligations are explained to and reinforced in new community members. What does it mean to you to be a member of this community? Why is it important to be a member of this community?

Blog Prompt #5

Authentic leadership is composed of four components: self-awareness, internalized moral perspective, balanced processing, and relational transparency (Northouse, 2010). These are traits that can be nurtured and developed. To that end, it is worthwhile to reflect on past experiences to better understand how you lead. Reflect upon and write about 3 or 4 life experiences that you feel affected you and your leadership. Then, write about how you can develop further in leadership from your past. What goals do you have for yourself and your leadership?

Blog Prompt #6

At the beginning of this class, I told you the following: “You are a leader. What difference will you make?” As our semester comes to an end, I want you to revisit this question. Consider what you are passionate about and what change you want to see in the world (a student organization, on campus, in the community, in your professional field). Describe what difference you want to make as a leader and the initial steps you will take to get started. What challenges and obstacles do you anticipate in your quest to make the impact you desire?