

Leadership at Ohio University



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LEADERSHIP
CENTER

L.E.A.P.

L.E.A.P. (Leadership-Excellence-Action-Purpose) is a first year student emerging leaders program, which begins the third Tuesday of Spring Quarter, April 13th. Students engage in two-hour sessions each week where they meet experienced student leaders, faculty, and staff. The main goals of the program are: increased self confidence, deeper understanding of leadership as a non-positional practice, awareness and access to university-wide leadership opportunities, and building a strong community of peers.

"The L.E.A.P. program was more than worth my time! Not only did I learn about what true leadership is, and how to apply it to everyday life, but I made friends with everyone in the program and looked forward to coming to each session every Tuesday." – Lexie Hartnett

The class of Winter 2010 was an eclectic group representing every college at Ohio University. Twenty-four students graduated from the program, each receiving a certificate of completion. Spring Quarter's L.E.A.P. begins Tuesday April 13th at 4:00pm. This is first year students' last chance to take part of this valuable program. To register students can go to the Leadership Center's website: www.ohio.edu/leadership.

By Jess MacLean, Senior, College of Health and Human Services

Mission

Amanda J. Cunningham Leadership Center

We are a multifunctional, student-led leadership center which strives to serve as the heart of leadership activity for Ohio University and its students, faculty, staff, and constituents.

We do this by:

- Working with our partners to complement our University's existing programs, classes, organizations, and resources.
- Leading the way in campus-wide collaboration in co-developing and promoting new educational opportunities, research, and leadership activities.

Remembering Ryan Bommer The Bommer Emerging Leader Endowment Fund

Spring is finally here and the beauty of this campus and feeling of renewal is alive at Ohio University. The magnificence of Ohio University is brought to life not only by the picturesque surroundings, but by the rich history and foundation that has been laid by students before us. Community, citizenship, civility, character, and commitment are values that define this institution and are exemplified by the student leaders who have transformed Ohio University into what it is today. One student whose legacy continues to model and develop these fundamental values was Ryan Bommer.



Ryan Bommer

When speaking about Ryan, his father Dr. John Bommer said;

"When I think of Ryan I think of the word integrity. He was truly a special person who would stand up for people. By his example, Ryan is a leader".

Ryan's charismatic personality and influential leadership style have touched Ohio University and continue to bring opportunity to students today. After his unexpected passing in 1997 at the age of 18, Ryan's parents Dr. John and Joan Bommer have developed the Bommer Emerging Leader Endowment to continue to develop and cultivate young leaders, like Ryan, by sending one student each year to the Ohio University LeaderShape Institute.

By Emily Centrone, Senior, College of Business

Most important, leaders can conceive and articulate goals that lift people out of their petty preoccupations and unite them in pursuit of objectives worthy of their best efforts.

—John Gardner



Emotionally Intelligent Leadership

“Emotionally Intelligent Leadership” (EIL) is the composite thinking of transformational leadership, situational leadership, contingency theory, leader-member exchange, positive psychology, organizational culture, and organizational behavior.

The EIL model synthesizes two major bodies of research and theory: emotional intelligence and leadership. In 1990, Peter Salovey and John Mayer published a scholarly paper in which they coined the term emotional intelligence. They defined EI as “the ability to monitor one’s own and others’ feelings and emotions to use the information to guide one’s thinking and actions.”

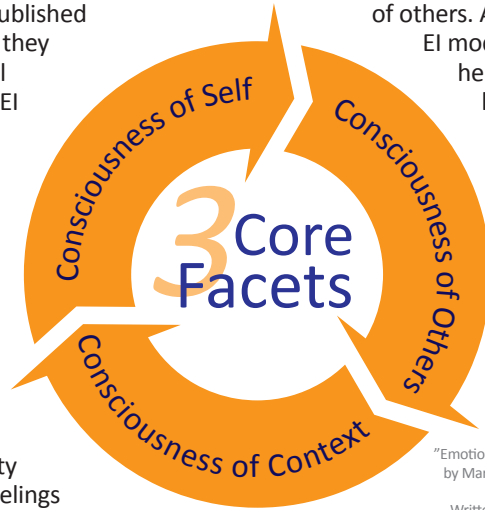
In 1995, the term was made popular by Daniel Goleman in his book Emotional Intelligence. He defined emotional intelligence as “the capacity for recognizing our own feelings and those of others, for motivating

ourselves, and for managing emotions well in ourselves and in our relationships.”

According to the model, effective leaders in any organization or sector of society have to ensure that their message resonates with the interests and desires of others. Effective or ineffective leadership is

therefore a relationship between these three facets: consciousness of context, consciousness of self, and consciousness of others. As a result, the

EI model of leadership helps enhance a leaders’ ability to intentionally monitor all three which will aid in one’s ability to lead effectively.



Information provided by “Emotionally Intelligent Leadership” by Marcy Shankman & Scott Allen.

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LEADER of the Month

Sarah Kelly

Year: Junior

Area of Study: Public Advocacy & Organizational Communication

Hometown: Hudson, Ohio



Sarah Kelly was nominated by a fellow Student Alumni Board member who describes Sarah as a role model who “never stops trying to do bigger and better things in our community”. While serving as the philanthropy chair for the Student Alumni Board Kelly organized

Bare on the Bricks which raised 1,200 pounds of clothes to help the Haiti and Athens community. Through this event, Kelly successfully raised more clothing than any other university who has done this event in the past. Her forward-thinking and selfless giving has opened the door for other Ohio University students to follow in her footsteps and give back to the OU and Athens community. Leadership in its most essential form is about inspiration, something that Kelly gives to all with whom she comes into contact.

“When I think about leadership and what it means I am immediately reminded of a quote by John Quincy Adams our 6th President... “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.” Leadership to me means being dedicated to something and using passion to inspire others by your actions. Actions speak much louder than words and leadership is much more than what you say, it’s what you display and what you bring out in others that makes a true leader.” -Sarah Kelly

To apply or nominate for Leader of the Month, visit: www.ohio.edu/leadership

The Division of Student Affairs presents

27th Annual LEADERSHIP AWARDS GALA

The 27th Annual Leadership Awards Gala will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, 2010 in the Grand Ballroom of Baker University Center. On this very special evening, students from every college will be recognized for their unique contributions. Currently, nominations and applications are being accepted until the deadline on April 6th.

This year’s keynote speaker is Ms. Melanie Sabelhaus ‘70, a nationally reputable business woman and partner with Superior Financial Group, LLC.

- Tickets will go on sale for the event on April 19th and can be purchased online at: www.ohio.edu/leadership.
- For questions regarding this year’s Gala, please e-mail: leadership@ohio.edu
- The deadline for all nominations is 11:59 p.m. on April 6, 2010. www.ohio.edu/leadership

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- L.E.A.P. – Emerging Leaders Program · True Colors – Relational Leadership Seminar · Leadership Branding
- iLead Commitment – Executive Training for student organizations · Leader of the Month · 21st Century Leadership Series
- Ohio University Leadership Mentors Program (new Winter Quarter) · Leadership Awards · LeaderShape®



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