

Got Leadership?

The university's purpose statement is to develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good. This is defined by six core values which are: Excellence, Integrity, Leadership, Loyalty, Respect, and Selfless Service. At first glance it may appear the core values are for students when in reality the core values are for students, and faculty, and staff.

A position of leadership does not make you a good leader. The formal definition as defined by Merriam-Webster is the office or position of a leader; capacity to lead; and the act or an instance of leading. Do you lead by example and inspire your employees to rise above, or threatened if your employee knows more than you know? You do not lead by hitting people over the head. That's assault, not leadership. ~Dwight D. Eisenhower

Knowledge is power. If the university does not offer the leadership skills you believe to be beneficial to you or your department, seek resources outside of the university. The news media has become a hot bed of accentuating leaders in private industry, high schools, and colleges for making poor decisions. If you see something, say something – empower your employees to do the same.

Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm. ~Publilius Syrus

Next weeks' focus will be Loyalty.