***Describe how your experiences, perspectives, talents, and/or your involvement in leadership activities (at your school, job, community, or within your family) will help you to make an impact both in and out of the classroom while enrolled at UT. (250 – 300 words)***

As a leader, I have made countless mistakes. However, those mistakes are the best learning opportunities.

My student council debut started with a mess. I was a strict perfectionist that had to make sure everything worked according to my expectations. On one occasion, I found an event poster really underwhelming, hence I gave the arts division a barrage of criticism, forcing them to do a full revision. Consequently, the art division was devastated and grew bitter. Even several were planning to leave the council before the inaugural ceremony. Upon realizing my mistake, I apologized and decided to implement a different approach as a leader. I tried spending more time with them, using my knowledge on photoshop to progressively teach them and inspire them. Not only did I invest my time acting as a mentor, I wanted them to feel comfortable as a vital part of the student council. As months passed by, I felt proud as I saw their designs and work ethic gradually improve. This approach worked a lot better.

I discovered that being a leader involves more than just being able to direct and instruct. Being a successful leader means having the flexibility to offer both wise counsel and psychological assistance through inspiration and motivation. A great leader should also attempt to foster a positive atmosphere by getting to know their peers, forging bonds of solidarity with each individual, and gradually gaining their trust.

I’ll put this learned knowledge into practice at UT by attempting to create a healthy and enthusiastic environment in the classroom and connecting peers into a mutually beneficial network. I will also join Code Orange where I would tutor underserved students who can't afford proper education. In this program, I could develop my mentoring skills while giving an impact to the people around me.