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HONR 201

Leadership Exploration Essay

My name is Joel Tchouke, I am a student at Minnesota State University, Mankato and I am in the Honor program. I am currently taking the Honor 201 course which is the introduction to Honor. In this course, we talk about the different skills and competency we should acquire to be impactful in our society. One of the competency areas is “Leadership”. Why leadership? In what way does this competency matter? In this essay I’ll present to you why it is important for me and how I apply this in my life.

According to the Oxford dictionary, leadership is “*The action of leading a group of people or an organization*”. Leadership is about taking risks and questioning the status quo, it is about taking action, having a vision, work and getting other people to work toward it. It is willing to see a change and serve others by making them build their future. Leadership is all about growing and it is exactly why it matters. Being a leader means being the instrument the society goes through to improve. Is it reserved to only one particular kind of person, are there chosen people? What’s beautiful with leadership is that there are absolutely not people chosen; at some point of life, everyone has to be a leader, which means every single person living in the society contributes to his evolution by taking this position. But then, if everyone is a leader, why do we have to learn? Simply because being a leader doesn’t mean to be a good leader. We can be a leader but actually get everyone worse off and even completely fail reaching the goal we were going toward. This is the reason why knowing how to be a good leader is important.

And in this lesson I understood it early enough. I personally want to see changes in some point of my environment and my life, and I understood that if I wanted to see it I had to be this change and inspire other people. That is the reason why, in order to develop all my leadership skills, I went through some activities that put me in this position. For instance, I've been the leader of a group of developers when I was in high school and I conducted several projects and teamwork toward particular goals. Also here in college I 've been Vice president of the African student Association, Graphic designer of the International student association and student worker at the admission during the orientation. Those experiences taught me how to make decisions and inspire people to work toward a common goal. I'd like to have more and more experiences in order to become the best leader version of myself.

During my years in college I would like to be also involved in the student government of this school and work toward projects that would benefit the largest population in this school. I want to be a student ambassador and a Mavpass leader, always to keep improving my will to help people and capacity to be a good leader. I would later like to be involved in politics and make the change in the society I am living in.

In conclusion, learning how to be a leader is really important. We don't always have to wait for the change, we can be the change, and by learning how to be a leader, we can actually bring to life that change. That is the reason why I am in this class. Me, Joel Tchouke, is striving to serve the society I am living in and ensure the well being of the people under me by becoming the best leader that I can.