



Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program

United States Air Force Academy
Spring Class 2017

Twelve incredible Student 2 Student (S2S) leaders had the experience of a lifetime at the United States Air Force Academy in sunny Colorado!

Yes, sunny! Perfect spring weather. No snow! No rain! No wind! (ok maybe a little). We could not have asked for a better week.



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Transformational Leadership

Is a way of leading that produces outstanding results from a team, while also developing the leadership skills of team members. It consists of four leadership styles called the "Four I's":

Idealized Influence

Involves emphasizing your values and beliefs, demonstrating a strong sense of purpose, and trusting one another to work well as a team

Inspirational Motivation

Involves talking optimistically about achieving a compelling vision of the future

Intellectual Stimulation

Involves seeking diverse perspectives to think critically about problems and to find creative solutions

Individualized Consideration

Involves treating people as individuals and taking the time to develop them in to better leaders

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Learning from Rudy

Rudy, the rat, "teaches" cadets the difference between Transformational and Transactional leadership.

Transformational leadership creates an environment where motivation is encouraged by communicating the big picture and using talents and skills to move an organization forward. Transactional leadership provides rewards when a leader's direction and vision is adhered to. Rudy maneuvers through a system of mazes based on a reward system and his motivation is a treat.



Putting it all together

Throughout the week the students had opportunities to put into practice the leadership and communication skills they learned from the cadets.

Landmine - Don't step there!



The student teams worked together using communication and leadership skills they learned from the cadets to navigate the team across the mat, stepping on select squares.

Rock Climbing & Team Building



"I never knew I had the courage to do this!"
Students test their resolve putting teamwork and determination together to make it to the "top of the mountain."

Learning from Falcon High School

Our FHSLP students learn what makes the Falcon High School S2S team so awesome! The Falcon S2S team designed an evening of activities and fun just like they would for a new student welcome. FHSLP students took the opportunity to learn new ideas and ask questions.



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Visit from MCEC Board Member Denise Jelinski-Hall

MCEC Board Member Denise Jelinski-Hall visited with the students at the iconic Golden Bee in Colorado Springs. She showed the students why the MCEC Board of Directors is important. Ms. Jelinski-Hall's enthusiasm for military students is contagious. Her love for people, kindness, and encouragement was an example to the students that they can change others' hearts to make our world a better place!



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Garden of the Gods

A short visit to the Garden of the Gods to take in the beauty that surrounded us in Colorado Springs.



Visit with Frances

Thanks to modern technology, the students were able to spend an hour with Frances Hesselbein over a Skype connection. Frances spoke of her defining moment, explained her leadership style, and provided wisdom to the students. Following her talk, the students asked questions and all agreed it was the highlight of the trip.



Visit to Exemplar Hall

Each year the freshman class of cadets selects an individual who exemplifies the type of leader their class wants to become. The class of 2017 selected Bud Day.

[Click here to learn more about Bud Day.](#)

Our students toured Exemplar Hall learning about each leader and the qualities that make them an American Hero. These exemplary leaders and heroes never stop inspiring others to live up to their full potential.



Lunch Time at the Academy

As the Academy band played, all 2000 cadets marched into Mitchell Dining Hall to eat lunch together. During lunch the students had the opportunity to ask questions about cadet life. They learned what inspired them to join the Air

Force and how the experience of basic training and daily life differs for each cadet and from other universities. In only 30 minutes, 2000 cadets and visitors completed lunch.

Thank you!

Carol Chambers, Jim Simmons, and Joshua Silver

discussed leadership success and failures with the students. They shared SAIC's core values and why they invest in the FHSLP students. Thank you SAIC for making the Frances Hesselbein Student Leadership Program a week to remember! You are making a difference in our world!

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We can't wait for our next Frances Hesselbein Leadership Program, October 23-27, 2017, at the United States Military Academy at West Point! Look for the application in August of 2017 on our FHSLP web page. [Click here to view the page.](#)

Hope to see you there!

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