

VISION AND PURPOSE

The Leadership Academy is a partnership between Gardner-Webb University and Isothermal Community College devoted to developing and enhancing leadership skills through training and exposure from top business leaders, behind-the-scenes tours with executives in several industries and enterprise sectors, and exercises and activities to strengthen the leader within each student.

EXPECTATIONS

- Students expecting to develop leadership skills should present a willingness to grow in thought, dialogue, and behavior by stepping outside of their natural comfort zone. Advisors, students, and community leaders should be prepared to foster this type of environment and engagement.
- To form a cohesive team dynamic and to honor the time of community leaders, advisors, and peers, all students are expected to attend all six sessions and to enter five minutes prior to the scheduled time, which will ensure the sessions begin on time.
- Students interested in participating should be service-minded and have foundational character traits of integrity, mutual regard for others, and commitment to follow through on responsibilities.

COMPONENTS OF THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Leadership Academy is a 12-week program that meets bi-weekly on Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and includes students from Gardner-Webb University and Isothermal Community College. Transportation to and from the institution is provided by the College's advisor. Sessions generally include the following.

- Exploring personality traits and leadership principles
- Adventure course and team building
- Your influence as a 360° Leader
- 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership
- Personal conversations with local leaders of economic development, service, entrepreneurship, and government
- Leadership Academy dinner and presentation of awards

SELECTION PROCESS AND COST FOR STUDENTS

Up to ten candidates from each institution will be selected to participate in the Leadership Academy. Together, all students will meet as a single class. Through the support of a local foundation, all students are afforded the opportunity to participate at no cost to them. Complete application packets must be submitted by the dates below for consideration.

ANNUAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATES

Fall Academy: September 1

Spring Academy: January 15

