About the Leadership House

The Judson H. Taylor Leadership House Program at SUNY Cortland provides a unique cooperative living and learning experience. You will get to...

- Work together for the common good, by enhancing leadership development and engagement/involvement for SUNY Cortland students within the campus and the greater community.
- Examine various aspects of leadership development including issues of ethics and values, communication, interpersonal relationships and group dynamics, and intentional engagement of difference and diversity.
- Work with a group of students who have been active participants in their communities by displaying leadership characteristics, holding leadership positions, and who have a desire to further enhance their leadership skills.
- Work with faculty and Student Affairs staff to provide campus programs, in-service workshops, and community services which will aid in the development of their personal leadership skills.

The Program

Residency in the Leadership House provides individuals an opportunity to live in a group of 11 students with similar goals and interests related to leadership development. House membership, through coordination with the Residence Life and Housing Office, Academic Affairs, and the Institute for Civic Engagement, helps members to further develop leadership skills, become more involved with the campus community, appreciate diversity and learn skills that are resume builders.

Incentives

Leadership House residents will receive a $1,000 stipend ($500 per semester) from Student Affairs. A designed single room in the Leadership House for the 2015-2016 academic year at a cost of $3,680. Students of the Leadership House have the option of purchasing a meal plan. Internet access, cable television, and in-house laundry facilities are also provided without cost. The Leadership House has five parking spaces available for use by members. Use of these spaces will be determined giving priority to the house manager (one space) and then by credits earned.

Academic Requirements

Members of this living learning community will be expected to participate at the following campus events throughout the course of the 2015-2016 academic year. These offerings are designed to help you grow into an effective leader on SUNY Cortland’s campus.

1. Leadership Retreats and Conferences
   a. Attendance at and participation in the fall semester’s Raquette Lake Student Leadership Retreat or the Office of Multicultural Life and Diversity’s Leadership Retreat; and
b. Participation in the annual spring SUNY Cortland Student Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Social Justice – students from the Leadership House will present at the conference on the social change model of leadership.

2. Leadership Courses
   a. Residents must all enroll in Professor Seth Asumah’s 2-credit Leadership for Social Change course in the fall. It is INT 129-503, CRN 92978. It meets Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Old Main 209A. The seminar will include topics such as:
      - Ethics and values
      - Communication, interpersonal relationships, and group dynamics
      - Organizational structures and cultures
      - Multiculturalism, the global community and social change
   b. During the fall 2015 or spring 2016 semesters, each member of the Leadership Living Learning Community will be required to enroll in at least one (1) of the following three courses:
      - Prof. Greg Phelan’s Introduction to Social Innovation and Change course in the fall. It is INT 229-001, CRN 93293. It meets Mon and Wed from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in Van Hoesen B110.
      - Prof. Kathleen Burke’s Community Innovation Lab course in the spring. Course specifics will be announced early in the fall semester.
      - Prof. Barbara Barton’s Philanthropy and Civic Engagement course in the spring. Course specifics will be announced early in the fall semester.

Application Requirements

1. Short Answer Questions: Answer the questions listed on the application form on a separate paper and attach to the application, along with a current copy of your resume.
2. Recommendation Form: Provide two faculty or professional staff recommendations (forms included in application packet)
3. Academic and Student Conduct Record: Candidates must be in good academic standing – cumulative GPA, as of the fall semester 2014, of 2.6 or higher. Student conduct standing will also be taken into consideration.
4. Interview: Candidates will be required to meet with the Leadership House team, which includes staff members from Residence Life and Housing and the Institute for Civic Engagement, for a formal interview.

Selection Process

Residence Life and Housing and the Institute for Civic Engagement staff members that compose the Leadership House Team will determine the status of your membership based on the submission of your completed application materials by April 29, 2015 to the Residence Life and Housing Office C/O Ralph Carrasquillo, as well as your interview. The residency for this period will only be granted for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost?

The Leadership House provides residents with a designed-single room at the charge of $3,680 per semester for the 2015-2016 academic year. However, students in the Leadership House are not required to purchase a campus meal plan; they have the option of selecting an off-campus meal plan or no meal plan. The Leadership House is equipped with a full kitchen, and members are provided programming funds for occasional house dinners.
Can we have guests in the Leadership House?

Leadership House students are held to the same community standards expectations as residents in any other residence hall. Please refer to the room and board license for guidelines.

What events can we host in the Leadership House?

The house is to be used in conjunction with the organization’s goals and objectives. Any event in which more than 10 persons will be visiting the house must be approved by the RHD who oversees the Leadership House at least 48 hours prior to the event.

Who supervises the house?

The Residence Life and Housing Office works in conjunction with the Institute for Civic Engagement to provide advisement and direction for the house. A Residence Life and Housing staff member will be living in the Leadership House to provide assistance for residents regarding maintenance needs and has authority over any behavioral issues unresolved by the residents. This “House Manager” position will be filled by a Resident Assistant with at least two semesters of experience (and in good standing). The House Manager will be supervised by a residence hall director and will be trained with other hall staff.

As accomplished leaders, Leadership House residents will be expected to self-regulate the day-to-day operations of the house. Everything from agreement about parking space use to the cleanliness of the house will be included in a housemate contract the residents will co-create, agree upon, and sign. Residents will always be accountable to the Code of Conduct and Room and Board License first and foremost for their behavior as on-campus residents. Whenever a house resident leaves the house prior to the academic year commitment, a pro-rated stipend will be determined and adjusted after review by the Residence Life and Housing Office, in conjunction with the Institute for Civic Engagement.
Leadership House
Application Form

Academic Year 2015-2016

Name: ______________________________ C#:__________________________

Current Address: ___________________________ ___________________________

E-mail: ___________________________ @cortland.edu Cell Phone #: _______ - _______ - ___________

Current Class Year: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior Overall GPA: ______

Type responses to the following questions and attach to the application along with a copy of your resume. (Essay word total must be 2000 words or less)

1. Describe a leadership experience you have had that has changed your perspective on something, had a profound impact on your life, or has transformed you in some other way.

2. Describe someone who you view as your role model and how they have influenced your leadership style and skills.

3. What is an area of leadership that you feel you need to develop? How will living in the Leadership House contribute to that?

4. What do you feel you can contribute to the campus community as a member of the Leadership House?

5. In your own words, please describe your vision of an ideal leader.

Name any other student(s) you are applying to the Leadership House with: ___________________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Are you willing to participate in the leadership program and academic requirements without living in the Leadership House? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Review the following statements and provide your acknowledging signature and date below.

- I have read and understand the information in the Leadership House Application Packet.
- I understand that any falsification of information on this application may result in elimination from the candidate pool.
- I understand that I am applying for and committing to the entire academic year as a resident in the Leadership House.
- I authorize the Residence Life and Housing Office to verify any information in this packet.

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Signature Date

Submit the completed application form along with the required questions, a current copy of your resume, and two recommendations to the Residence Life and Housing Office Attention: Ralph Carrasquillo, Director of Residence Life and Housing.