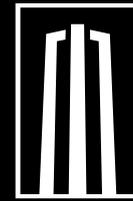




Leaders are made rather than born.

—Warren G. Bennis

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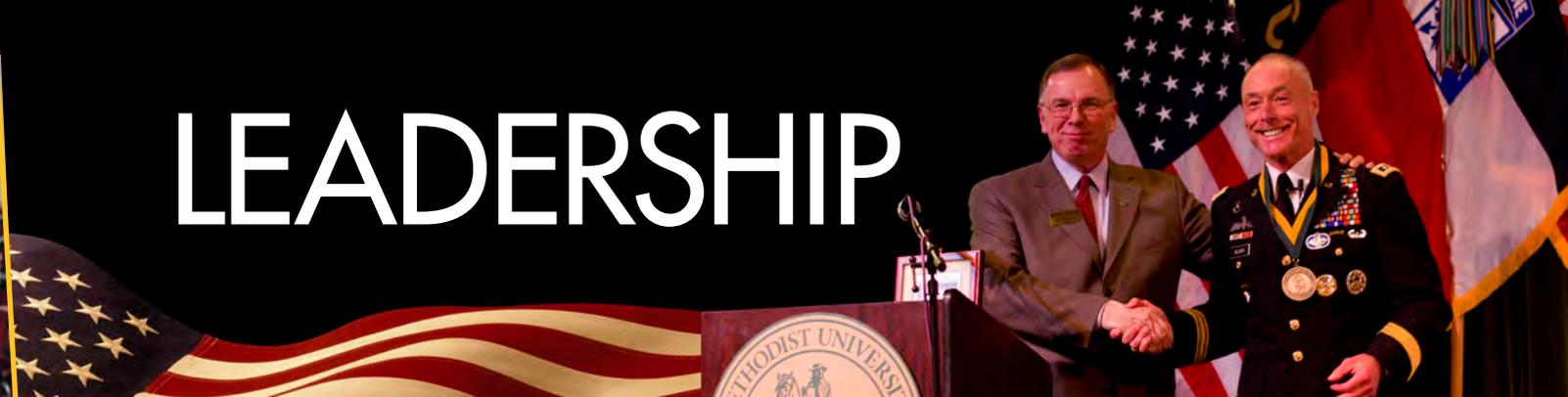
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## EMPOWERING STUDENTS FOR EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP

Methodist University believes preparing students for effective leadership is one of the most important responsibilities of higher education. Through the Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development, Leadership Fellows, and other campus programs, MU provides a rich array of opportunities where leadership can be learned and practiced.

There are four key ideas upon which the MU Journey's Leadership initiative and center are based:

- All students can become leaders.
- Leadership must be based on ethical values.
- Leadership is most effective when it is collaborative.
- Effective leadership is about accomplishing positive change with others.

Leading well requires a foundation of knowledge, ethical values, leadership skills, and practical experiences. These steps are the basis for MU's in-depth leadership training and development. The clearest implementation of these steps can be found in the Leadership Fellows Program, which offers courses for credit, off-campus internships and leadership conferences, mentorship relationships, workshops, seminars, guest speakers, and much more.

## LEADERSHIP FELLOWS PROGRAM

Students who are Leadership Fellows at Methodist University are committed to making a difference in their university, their community, and the world. They are driven to acquire the knowledge, values, and skills that will empower them for extraordinary leadership.

New fellows are selected each spring from the class of first-year students who entered Methodist University in the fall. Selection is based on academic excellence, exceptional character, a proven record of leadership, and a commitment to engage in a rigorous program of personal leadership development throughout their time at the University. Students in the multi-year program have these opportunities:

**FRESHMEN:** To be selected as a Leadership Fellow Candidate, a student submits an application and a Personal Leadership Development Plan. If approved, the student is admitted as a candidate. Candidates begin to participate in Tally Center courses and other Leadership Fellow activities.

**SOPHOMORES:** As candidates, students continue their leadership development in courses and activities, and then in the spring apply to become a Leadership Fellow. Applicants submit their updated Personal Leadership Development Plan along with documentation showing they have:

- Completed two leadership courses; e.g. LSS 300, IDS 210 (Leadership), BUS 343, ROTC, etc.
- Attended two on-campus Leadership Workshops
- Attend one major Leadership guest speaker presentation

Optional activities include: Living in the Leadership Learning Community, participating in SL@M, and joining campus organizations. If approved, they are designated Leadership Fellows.

**JUNIORS:** As Leadership Fellows, students continue their leadership development by attending off-campus conferences, participating in internships and mentorship relationships, and serving in actual leadership positions on campus, in addition to courses and other activities. At a minimum, Leadership Fellows must:

- Attend one or more off-campus Leadership Conferences
- Attend three or more on-campus Leadership Workshops
- Attend two or more major Leadership guest speaker presentations
- Serve as a campus leader in one or more of the following: RA, SGA, Peer Mentor, club, intercollegiate team, ROTC, etc.

Optional activities include: Additional Leadership course work, Leadership Minor, internships, ROTC Advanced Camp, shadowing experience, and joining campus organizations

**SENIORS:** Finish their leadership development and submit a portfolio of documentation and updated plan to apply for the Certificate of Completion. Those who successfully complete the program are recognized at the campus-wide Awards Ceremony where they receive a handsome certificate and an honor cord to be worn at commencement. Successful completion of the program is also recognized on the MU co-curricular transcript.

## THE LURA S. TALLY CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Methodist University's Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development was founded in 1995 to provide leadership training for students of the University. The Tally Center focuses on helping students develop their leadership potential so they can lead lives of purpose and contribution.

Major elements of the Tally Center's leadership program include the following:

- Minor in Leadership Studies
- Minor in Church Leadership
- Associate of Science in Leadership and Management
- Leadership Fellows Program
- Internships and Mentorships

These programs offer students multiple pathways to obtain the leadership preparation needed for their specific career choice and their personal leadership development wishes.

