Bison Leadership Academy for new students

The Bison Leadership Academy (formerly Freshman Leadership Academy) was originally created by the Howard University Student Association to expose 1st year students to the specific duties, responsibilities, opportunities, and challenges associated with all aspects of student leadership. The name change was instituted to more accurately reflect the purpose of the Leadership Academy, which is to provide new students with intentional opportunities to develop personal leadership skills while learning what it means to be a Howard University Bison! The Bison Leadership Academy is open to all new freshmen and new transfer students at the university.

The Academy program consists of four parts: (1) a Core Bison Leadership Curriculum (2) Bi-monthly Experiential Learning Activities (3) Project Development & Case Study Competition, and (4) Mentorship.

As a result of participating in the Bison Leadership Academy students will:

1. Develop an understanding and commitment to the core values of Howard University: Truth and Service
2. Be knowledgeable and understand all responsibilities (stated and implied) of students and student leadership at Howard University
3. Increase their knowledge of resource allocation, common expenditures, and other funding opportunities available on & off campus
4. Be able to identify five personal strengths and how to utilize these strengths to further their academic, professional and personal future goals
5. Be able to relate how their academic & co-curricular learning and experiences connect to their individual identity and personal development
6. Be able to identify and engage in healthy professional, social and personal relationships
7. Formulate an intentional curricular and co-curricular plan for their collegiate journey

Mission

The mission of the Bison Leadership Academy is to develop individual leadership skills in a group environment through experiential learning, educational and professional training, service and social justice engagement, and relationship building.

Project Development & Case Study Competition

One purpose of the Academy is to develop students who are critical thinkers and exhibit strong leadership attributes. Each spring semester, students will test their leadership skills and knowledge attained from the academy as they implement the projects and/or winning case study competition solutions developed during the fall semester. Teams of students will have to work together to successfully implement the project or solution.

Experiential Learning Activities

The experiential learning activities will include participation in leadership conferences, excursions to universities and other centers of interest within the DMV area to learn about their governance models, cultural resource & advocacy centers, resource allocation
and monthly service learning opportunities. Examples of experiential learning opportunities include: visits to UMD student government, participating in Alternative Spring Break, visits to national advocacy association headquarters, visits to Capitol Hill, etc.

Core Curriculum
Leadership Development
a. Personal Leadership Development – Leadership Styles, Personal Preference Inventories, etc.
b. Ethical Leadership Development
c. Leading Others – Group Formation & Group Dynamics, Organizational Development, Creating Successful Teams
d. Communication & Marketing Your Leadership Skills

Program Development
a. Program, Event and Project development
b. Resource acquisition/allocation (fundraising, grant writing, sponsorship, etc.)
c. Time Management & Working in Groups
d. Program evaluation

Advocacy & Social Justice
a. History of Activism at Howard
b. Organizing for Social Action & Mobilizing for Social Change
c. Lobbying & the Political Process
d. International Advocacy

Bison 101
a. History of Howard
b. My Alma Mater
c. History of Student Leadership
d. Legacy Missions – what will be my contribution to Howard?

Mentorship
Each student in the BISON Leadership Academy will be assigned three mentors, a current student leader, a faculty/administrator and an alumni student leader. Mentors will be based on student identified shared interests and stated personal and professional goals. All BISON Leadership mentors are available to all Academy participants and students are encouraged to network and engage with all mentors as part of their Academy experience.
FALL 2015 BISON LEADERSHIP ACADEMY APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: If you are interested in being a part of the BISON Leadership Academy, please complete all sections below. Upon completion, please return application to The Office of Student Activities, located in Suite 122 of the Blackburn Center. Applications are due no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2015. Lastly, please attach a copy of your resume, a cover letter (indicating your interest in the academy), and a $30.00 non-refundable application fee (via money order to Howard University – BISON Leadership Academy) with your application.

Name: ____________________________________ Student ID: ____________________

Address (Residence Hall) _______________________________________________________

Primary Phone: ________________ School/College: _______________________

Howard E-mail Address: ________________________________

T-Shirt Size: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ Other _____

1. Please describe your previous leadership experience.

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2. What interests you most about the BISON Leadership Academy?

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3. Based on your interests, what areas of leadership or involvement would you be interested in participating? (Please rank your preferences using 1 for most preferred and 5 for least preferred)

_____ Student Government (HUSA Executive Leadership, HUSA Senate, Student Council President)
_____ Programming & Events (Undergraduate Student Assembly, Homecoming, Radio, WHUT)
_____ Policy Boards (Policy Boards, Student Activity Fee Committee, Advisory Boards, etc.)
_____ Advocacy & Activism
School Spirit & University Ambassadorship (Mr. & Miss Howard University & the Royal Court, Mascot, Cheerleaders, etc.)

4. Who, in your opinion, is the greatest leader in history? Please explain why and three leadership traits that this person has that you think all leaders should develop.

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5. Please indicate which is more important to you and explain why: (a) To be highly acclaimed or (b) To be well-respected.

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Howard University 2015 Student Leadership Conference

The Art of Leadership
“Reconnecting to Servant Leadership & a Selfless Spirit”
Howard University Law School
August 29, 2015

With the theme of *The Art of Leadership: Reconnecting to Servant Leadership & a Selfless Spirit*, the 2015 Student Leadership Conference will provide a wide range of development for all types of leaders, including emerging leaders and those involved in student government, student organizations, Greek Life, athletics, and organization advisors. The day will be filled with procedural trainings, empowering workshops, meaningful networking, and entertainment.

The Student Leadership Conference is an intensive, interactive, and stimulating day filled with knowledge and empowerment. It is designed for students who desire to lead in the future, on campus advisors and newly elected student leaders, (Greek Councils, Student Government, Programming Boards, Class Officers, Kings and Queens, etc.) who are committed to uplifting their organizations and the University.

The conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2015 at the Howard University School of Law at 2900 Van Ness St NW, Washington, DC 20008 from 9:00 AM-5:00PM.

**Directions for Participants**

*Complete the 2015 Student Leadership Conference application. One application per participant.*

The cost for participation is FREE for Howard University Students and advisors and $25 per person for non-Howard University participants. Participants should complete a conference registration form (one registration per person) and return completed registration to the Office of Student Activities in Blackburn University Center Suite 122 by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Limited shuttle service will be provided between Howard University and the School of Law for registered participants.

**Payment information**

Payment for non-Howard University participants can be submitted via institutional check, money order or cashier’s check payable to Howard University. Cost of participation is $25.00 per person. Personal checks will not be accepted. Please mail payments and completed registration forms to Howard University, Office of Student Activities, 2397 6th Street NW, Blackburn Center Suite 122, Washington, DC 20059 ATTENTION: Student Leadership Conference

For any questions, contact:
The Office of Student Activities
Blackburn Center Suite 122
202.806.5990/ studentactivitiesoffice@howard.edu
2015 Student Leadership Conference: The Art of Leadership
“Reconnecting to Servant Leadership & a Selfless Spirit”

Conference Registration Form
PLEASE TYPE LEGIBLY
One application per participant

Name: ___________________ HU ID#:_________________ Gender Female ____ Male____
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Elected/Appointed Student Leadership Position________________________________________

Student Organization(s)/Affiliation(s):________________________________________________

College/ University ____________________________ (non-Howard University participants)

Campus /Local Address:________________________________________________________________
Street Number    Street Name    Apt/Suite
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City                                                    State                    Zip

*Occasionally the Office of Student Activities (OSA) is asked to supply the permanent contact information for Presidential and senior level officer communications that are sent during times classes are not in session. By supplying your permanent contact information, you enable OSA to communicate sensitive information to you in a timely fashion.

Permanent Address _____________________________________________
Street Number                     Street  Name
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City                                                    State                    Zip

E-mail Address: ____________________________ Cell Phone:__________________________

Classification: _____ Freshman _____ Soph _____ Junior _____ Senior Grad/Prof _____ Advisor_____

Have you ever attended a Student Activities leadership retreat or conference? ___Yes ___No

Are you active with any other student organizations? If yes, please
list____________________________________________________________________________________
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Applications are due August 26, 2015 by 5:00 PM to the Office of Student Activities, Blackburn Suite 122 (via
mail: 2397 6th Street NW, Suite 122, Washington, DC 20059)

I have read the participant application criteria. I confirm that I meet the required criteria and am available for date listed. I authorize the Office of Student Activities to check my disciplinary and academic record at Howard University to ensure organizational compliance.

__________________________ ________________________________    Signature    __________ Date