

Monmouth LEADS 2018 Workshops

Participants will have the chance to attend their choice of 2 of the following workshops.

Building Your Brand (Career) With a Voice

Len Pesko, Principle Partner, Modern Pulse Consulting Group

Len Pesko is a Principle Partner at Modern Pulse Consulting Group which is a global company providing professional services in the fashion world of accessories. Modern Pulse's services include product trend analysis, product design, sourcing, business analytics, company assessments, licensing franchising, PR/social media, sales, operations, software, and more. Len has been a President at Nine West Group and President of Donald J Pilner- just to name a couple of his high profile roles in the industry. Attendance at this workshop will provide insights on building your career plan, an understanding of the volatile workforce landscape in the rapidly changing times, and an understanding of how proper planning and execution will dramatically increase your opportunities and success rates.

Communication in Challenging Times: Understanding Civility and Servant Leadership

Claude Taylor, Professor, Advisor-in-Residence for Academic Transition and Inclusion, Office of Transformative Learning

This interactive group discussion will be an opportunity for student leaders to reflect upon a broad range communication challenges they've encountered related to leadership issues such as an expanded awareness of cultural diversity, negotiating identities (ex. gender, sexual orientation, race, class, etc.) and the recognition of differences in worldview/ideological perspectives. Participants will be encouraged to consider the central role of civility in effective communication and the value of servant leadership in the promotion of a welcoming and inclusive educational or workplace environment.

Hip-Hop Leadership (Using Pop Culture as a Blueprint for Millennial Visionaries)

Aaron X. Smith, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Africology and African American Studies

In the age where many young people interact with a device more than most members of their own family the time has come to seize the technological times! Pop Culture is a larger part of life than ever thanks to technological advancements and the ever expanding industry related to these cultures. Dr. Aaron X. Smith will Decode, De-stigmatize and Demonstrate the usefulness of Pop Culture as a profound tool in the development of effective leadership.

Lead with Passion

Alaina Love, President, Purpose Linked Consulting

This presentation will describe the 10 archetypes of passion that student leaders can leverage to create high performing teams. Workshop participants will receive access to complete the Passion Profiler online tool prior to the workshop by indicating their interest in this session on their registration. During the presentation, they will learn about the unique strengths and vulnerabilities associated with their passions, and those of others. In addition, the presentation will examine the optimal work environments for each passion archetype.

Leadership Strategies for Charting Career Paths and Finding Purpose: Taking the Leap

Theresa Bartolotta, Ph.D., CCC-SLP & Patricia Remshifski, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

There are tools inside each of us to help us find our purpose, direct our career paths, and meet our goals. In this interactive session, attendees will learn leadership strategies to use for themselves and with others on their team. Topics include: finding your inner voice, identifying callings, understanding different types of fear, dealing with criticism, developing goals, taking leaps, and setting a path for success.

Leading Beyond Binaries

Aneesah S. Smith, Social Justice Educator & LGBTQIA Activist

Binaries leave the structures of our organization uninviting and degrading people that don't fit into these categories. To really embrace diversity and think outside the binary of sex, gender and sexuality you have to expand your knowledge to really understand the concepts, issues and concerns of these communities. This workshop will introduce students to what it means to be lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer, how to use gender-neutral pronouns, and how to run activities that don't exclude non-straight folks. Fun and informative icebreakers will get students talking and expanding their knowledge about leading inclusive groups and embracing sexual & gender diversity. We will also discuss strategies to help create and maintain a 'safe space' within groups and teams.

Living with Poetry: Compassion and Kindness in Leadership

Michael Thomas, Associate Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences

Participants in this workshop will work collaboratively and individually to study, create and refine our understanding of how poems expand our understanding of compassion and kindness. Through several exercises, both written and oral, we will inspire each other in our exploration of how to willingly imagine experience from perspectives other than our own. Bring a small notebook and a good pen.

The Identity Wheel, With a Twist

Gillian Scott, Service Learning Coordinator, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

If you like active programs, this workshop is for you. 'The Identity Wheel, with a Twist' will provide a space for participants to be engaged with one another, exploring their social, salient, and personal identities in a fun (and educational) environment. Additionally, participants will receive fun and interactive tools to bring back to their communities and organizations.

“The Mirror Project”

Nicholas A. Manento, Area Coordinator, Office of Residential Life

Most people don't realize it, but you are the only person you will never see with your own eyes. This presentation is geared towards student self-reflection. The purpose of the presentation is to evaluate the path you are on, why you chose it, and if it is still the path you still wish to be on.

Using the RESPECTFUL Model to Find One's Own Identity and Develop Leadership Skills

Jenny Dutil, Graduate Assistant, Office of Student Activities and Student Center Operations

Using Dr. Michael D'Andrea's RESPECTFUL model students can learn what factors make up their own identity and how their identity can lead them to become better leaders of the future.

Using the ten factors of religion-spirituality, economic class background, sexual identity, psychological maturity, ethnic-cultural-racial identity, chronological developmental challenges, trauma and other threats to one's well-being, family history and dynamics, unique physical characteristics and location of residence and language differences that make up the RESPECTFUL model, we will use a hands-on activity and have an open discussion on how these factors can affect one's leadership style.

Wanderlust: Finding Yourself While Travelling

Jeremy Lackman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Health and Physical Education

In this interactive, participatory session, we will open your eyes to the wonder of travelling. We will discuss how travel can build your leadership style and make you a well-rounded individual, with fewer stereotypes and biases. We will discuss travel in its various forms, what tangible skills a person has to master in order to travel, what key things are learned by travelling, and how travelling can benefit your leadership style. Dr. Jeremy Lackman has visited over 40 countries; lived in a few; been a Peace Corps volunteer; and been a participant, teaching assistant, and professor in 7 study abroad programs.

What Leaders Do Differently

Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, Ph.D., Vice Provost for Academic and Faculty Affairs and Professor, Office of the Provost

This workshop will focus on the actions of effective leaders and how they operate very differently from others. From waking up early to networking, this workshop will provide actionable steps for participants to take in becoming great leaders.