

**Emerging Leaders Seminar
Fall 2012
Moravian College
Center for Leadership & Service**

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Meeting time: Thursdays 2:35-3:45

Additional times TBD

**Office hours MW 11:00; R 11:15 or
by appt**

Emerging Leaders

Sophomores:

Dylan Joyce
Megan Mummey
Christina Gibson
Justin Pilchman
Michael Hofmann
Christina Heckelman
Kaitlyn Gill
Photini Petrides
Megan Troutman

First Years:

Carl Cara
Caitlin Clearwater
Kellie Donaldson
Gina Gambacorto
Kristan Taylor Gaspari
Andrea Giardina
Tessa Haney
Hiba Khouri
Kayla Krouse
Michelle Mason
Matthew Nesto
Melissa Pavia
Michelle Rickert
Dana Sencindiver
Joseph Ward

Course Objective: The purpose of this course is for Emerging Leader Scholarship recipients to come together with a faculty facilitator to learn leadership themes, create opportunities to lead and have an impact, and find their place in the College community as aspiring leaders on campus and beyond.

Approach: This is the first year that we have both freshmen and sophomore Emerging Leaders coming together to share the seminar experience. Second year students will serve as “one step ahead” leaders to the first year students. As such, they will teach, guide, and mentor first year students, and assist them with designing, organizing, and carrying out campus and community impact projects—Hunger and Homelessness Week, Food Day (a new project in conjunction with a community non-profit organization, The Kellyn Foundation), and YMCA event (if students from 1742 want to head this one up).

We will meet together on a weekly basis and there will be additional times outside of our regular time that we will all meet together or student sub-groups will meet together. The semester will consist of in-class discussions, thoughtful writing projects, planning and organizational activities, and exploration of students’ purpose and identity.

Readings: Handouts provided by the instructor throughout the semester.

Course Requirements:

Attendance and preparedness for class	10%
Reflection papers	20%
Service project	
4 others on various topics	
Project building for service work	20%
(group feedback will help determine grades)	
Project completion for service work	20%
(group feedback will help determine grades)	
Initiative and engagement	15%
Meeting with mentor	
Reading community grants applications	
Creating Reel Leadership events	
Two activities from “Menu of Options” below	15%
(attend and write 1-page reaction paper)	

Menu of Options:

- Reel Leadership event
- Hunger Banquet (if that is your project *responsibility*, you cannot “double dip”)
- Food Day activities (if that is your project *responsibility*, you cannot “double dip”)
- Habitat for Humanity Community Build (October 12)
- Ready. Set. Go. (Leadership Development Series) September 5
- Other events TBD by the Center for Leadership and Service

Grading:

The grading for this course is purposefully flexible and unique! Each student will complete self-evaluations throughout the semester and be involved in determining various grades. As emerging leaders, students should be motivated, have the ability to take initiative, be active and engaging participants in our class meetings, and be able to create interesting initiatives that will build our service activities at Moravian College. Students will also be expected to participate in planning sessions with classmates and our student advisor/coordinator throughout the semester. Given the group of students who were hand selected for this course and for the corresponding projects of the semester, I do not anticipate that the grading will be a problem!

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Elaine Mara, assistant director of learning services for academic and disability support at 1307 Main Street, or by calling 610-861-1510. Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic Support Center.

Course Policies:

- Attend our class meetings one time per week (failure to do so without a valid excuse will result in a lowered grade per absence (A downgraded to A-; A- downgraded to B+...))
- Treat each other with respect.
- If you do not follow-through on something that you committed to, you will need to speak with me and we will discuss consequences in terms of the grade for the course (e.g., Hunger and Homelessness Event or other service event).
- Reflection papers will be graded on a scale of 1-10. Late reflection papers will not be accepted—“computer crashed,” “no paper in the printer,” “it’s in my room and I can go get it” and anything else you can dream up are not acceptable excuses. They are due at the start of class on the stated due date.
- Be engaged!
- Failure to complete this course satisfactorily may result in a loss of your EL Scholarship; situations will be reviewed on an individual basis in cooperation with the Dean’s Office, the Admissions Office, and The Center for Leadership and Service Executive Committee.

Tentative Schedule:

Note: This schedule provides a rough list of reading/discussion days, workshop/planning days, and paper due dates. As we figure out our plans for our service projects, we may need to make adjustments. The semester will be a continual work in progress!

August 30	Welcome/Introductions/Syllabus review/Mentors <i>Adjectives Assignment</i> (Reflection Paper Due next week)
September 6	Leadership Readings and Discussion (You should have met with your mentor since last week to get to know each other) <i>Reflection Paper 1 Due</i>
September 13	3:00pm YMCA description from 1742 students 3:15pm Katie Dantsin and Nicole Nugent, Center for Leadership and Service <i>Hunger & Homelessness Week</i> 6:30pm Eric Ruth and Dr. Meagan Grega, Food Day and Sustainability, <i>The Kellyn Foundation</i>
September 20	Creating our Teams (At least 2 second year students will be involved as co-leaders for each project), team roles <i>Important qualities of teams (discussion)</i> <i>Nouns assignment</i> (Reflection Paper Due Next Week)
September 27	Team ideas (teams should have met outside of class since last week). Each team should bring in a list of proposed ideas/activities. Think about what is possible or not... <i>Reflection Paper 2 Due</i>
October 4	In-class group work...firming up ideas and figuring out how to implement <i>Successful implementation ideas (discussion)</i>
October 11	FALL BREAK
October 18	Finalizing Food Day/Week, continued work on HHW, Y?
(October 24: Food Day)	

October 25	Debriefing: What works and what doesn't work...Lessons learned Reflection paper due for those involved in FD.
November 1	Amy Saul, Career Center (tentative...may need to be moved)
November 8	Looking ahead...plans...goals...involvement...
	<i>Reflection Paper 4 Due</i>
(November 13: Hunger Banquet)	
November 15	Hunger and Homelessness Week: Debriefing on Banquet and Discussion
November 22	Thanksgiving
November 29	Discussion, wrap up, etc.
	<i>Reflection Paper 3 Due: Lessons learned about yourself (further description to be given)</i>
	Reflection paper due for those involved in HHW and Hunger Banquet
December 6	Celebration of the first semester coming to an end!

Note: If a YMCA project happens, a due date for reflection papers will be determined based on the timing of the event/service.

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Calendar of Events

August 2012

The 1742 Experience, Pre-Orientation Program

August 19-23

First-year students will spend four days volunteering through a service-oriented “Tour of Bethlehem” prior to the start of the academic year. Over the course of the program first-year students and two upperclassmen team leaders will volunteer at the Bethlehem YMCA and at New Bethany Ministries. For more information contact [Katie Dantsin](#) or visit [The 1742 Experience](#) program page.

Club Leader Meeting

August 30

4:00pm-5:00 pm, Hurd Bldg. 101

Kick-off the academic year with updates about relevant topics for student club/organization leaders. RSVP encouraged, but not required. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information or to RSVP.

September 2012

Club Advisor Meeting

September 4

4:00pm-5:00 pm, Snyder Room

Informational meeting for club/organization advisors to receive updates about clubs and organizations. RSVP encouraged, but not required. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information or to RSVP.

Ready. Set. Go. (Leadership Development Series)

September 5

4:00pm-5:30 pm, Snyder Room

Leading a student organization is a rewarding, but a challenging endeavor. The Ready. Set. Go. workshop is designed to focus on key leadership skills for student leaders at the start of the academic year. Topics covered in this workshop will include goal setting and recruiting and retaining members. RSVP required. Walk-in participants will be accepted, as space permits. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information or to RSVP.

Community Grants

Applications Due Date TBD

Grants are provided through a generous grant to the Center for Leadership and Service. The goal is to create meaningful collaborations between the college and the local community that will impact student learning and development. The Center for Leadership and Service is interested in initiatives that bring together Moravian College and the local community in a way that demonstrates mutual benefits. Many faculty and students are currently engaged with the local community. This funding opportunity provides financial support to those who could enhance their work with funding or those who wish to establish a new College-community connection. The proposal for a community grant must be made by a student-faculty or student-administrative staff team that has already sought cooperation from a community partner (e.g., nonprofit, school, church, neighborhood association, hospital). The project may be ongoing or may be a one-time workshop, event, or activity. A Call for Proposals is sent out at the beginning of each semester. Questions? Contact [Dr. Michelle Schmidt](#).

October 2012

Habitat for Humanity Homecoming Build

October 12

For more information about contact the campus chapter of [Habitat for Humanity](#).

November 2012

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

November 10-17

More information coming soon. Contact [Nicole Nugent](#) for more information.

January 2013

Sophomore Athlete Leadership Day

January 27



Together the Athletic Department and Center for Leadership and Service provide selected sophomore athletes with a one day leadership program, designed to help students develop and sharpen their leadership skills. These skills include knowledge of different behavioral styles, communication with each different style, and how to deal with potential conflict. Such skills will benefit student athletes during the context of their athletic experience, but also in their professional and personal lives after Moravian College. Questions? Contact [Katie Dantsin](#).

LeaderShape Applications

Late January-Applications available

Each year, the Center for Leadership and Service provides the opportunity for a group of students to take part in the LeaderShape Institute. The Institute is an interactive, energizing, and unique experience that builds leadership skills. The six-day residential program is filled with self-discovery and learning from practical experiences that build leadership concepts and abilities. Moravian sent students to the national LeaderShape sessions in 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 and held campus-based institutes in 2005, 2006, and 2008. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information.

February 2013

First-Year Co-Curricular Leadership Program

January 28, 6:00pm-7:30pm, TBD

February 4, 6:00pm-7:30pm, TBD



First-year students nominated for this program will have an opportunity to learn about personal leadership styles, group dynamics and the nuts and bolts of program planning at Moravian College. Students can be nominated for the program by current student leaders, faculty, staff, and advisors. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information or to be considered for participation in the program.

Omicron Delta Kappa Induction Ceremony

February 9

5:00pm-6:00pm, Borhek Chapel

Join members of ODK to induct the new members of the national leadership honor society. Contact ODK via email at odk@moravian.edu.

New Club Officer Dinner

February 28

5:15pm-7:30pm, UBC Room



Join other new club officers for a dinner dialogue regarding your new leadership position on campus. Expert student leaders will be available to answer questions from their own experiences as a club/organizational leader. Discussion topics may include group dynamics, running effective meetings, delegating to peers, and organizational effectiveness. Participants must meet one of the following criteria to attend this event a) Took office as a new student leader this semester b) plan to run for or hold office beginning in the fall. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) for more information. RSVP is required.

March 2013

Alternative Spring Break Trips

March 2-9

Join a team of Moravian students and travel over spring break to participate in service. Trip destinations will be posted as they are available.

Center for Leadership and Service Student Staff Positions Open for 2013-2014

March 12

Applications available for student positions. Contact [Katie Dantsin](#) or [Nicole Nugent](#) for more information.

Community Fellows Program

March 12

Applications will be available for the Community Fellows program. Through support from the Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND), we offer a part-time AmeriCorps education award program. This program provides community-focused leadership development to students that are deeply engaged in community activities. Students dedicate 300 hours to community work over the course of one year and participate in a leadership development program designed to support their interest in community improvement. Successful completion of the program results in an educational award that can be used for qualified education expenses from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Contact [Nicole Nugent](#) for more information.

April 2012

Hound Exchange Auction

TBD

Contact [Holly Nonnemacher](#) for more information.

Celebration of Service

April 23, HUB

Contact [Nicole Nugent](#) for more information.

ODK Annual Leadership Awards

April 25, HUB

Contact ODK via email at odk@moravian.edu.

Other Activities

The Center for Leadership and Service supports volunteer opportunities, including the following community programs.

- Bethlehem Area Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Mentoring Programs
- New Bethany Ministries
- The Historic Bethlehem Partnership
- Moravian Village (retirement community)
- America Reads federal work-study program
- Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

Contact communityservice@moravian.edu for more information.



These events are eligible for Hound Exchange points. In April of each year, students can use their points to bid on items at a live auction.

Be sure to check out our [Service Trips](#) page for information about upcoming trips.

Check back again for updates and additions.

Moravian College encourages persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation regarding physical accessibility, please contact Katie Dantsin, director of leadership development, at 610 861-1509 or kdantsin@moravian.edu.

