



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What's this thing all about?

A. This is a short leadership development conference for our students. While we've hosted a conference in the fall for 13 years and several small seminars throughout the year in the past, we began this daylong conference 3 years ago. It is offered at the beginning of the spring to help us serve and lead together better throughout the year. Plus, this gives us a time to invite the emerging leaders just nominated by their Gateway instructors.

Q. What will happen?

A. We will focus on the theme "Step up to the Plate." This largely will deal with embracing personal and organizational responsibility as leaders. Student leaders will be challenged, discuss key campus and cultural issues with each other, and reflect on their spiritual growth.

Q. Why are we focusing on this theme?

A. During this last fall's conference, the student leaders who attended provided feedback advising us to focus on this topic. It's a great topic for us to explore as a campus!

Q. Where will the conference be held?

A. The entire conference will be held in Johnson Lecture Hall, the lecture hall in the DeVos Humanities Center.



Q. What should I wear?

A. Feel free to dress as you wish in accordance with the standards in the *Student Handbook*. Please do not dress up. Dress comfortably for the Johnson Lecture Hall. You may want to wear something to help you stay warm. Some people find the lecture hall a little chilly.

Q. Who's coming?

A. Over 100 student leaders from all over campus will attend. This includes representatives from many clubs and organizations, students who have been or are enrolled in leadership courses, and emerging leaders who were nominated in their Gateway classes.

Q. What about food during the conference?

A. As you can see from the conference schedule from the other link, we start registration at 10:00 a.m. During registration, we'll serve a light breakfast. For lunch, we'll be catering something in from an outside restaurant. We'll have a few breaks with food and drinks available, too.

Q. What if I am a vegetarian or have special dietary needs?

A. Please let us know by emailing Mike Hayes (mhayes@leeuniversity.edu). We will accommodate your needs.

Q. What do I need to bring?

A. Just bring yourself and a willingness to learn. We will provide all the food, writing utensils, and a conference notebook with pages for notes.

Q. Is there something I can be thinking about to prepare for the conference?

A. Take some time to reflect on how well you assume responsibility as a leader in your personal life and in your organization. One of our key assumptions is that you do not have to hold a specific leadership role or title to be a leader, a person of influence. Begin to address areas in which you can embrace the challenges of leading well.

Q. Who is the main speaker?

A. Matt Sharp, a 2003 Lee University graduate, will be our key presenter. After graduating Lee, Matt enrolled in law school at Vanderbilt University, finishing his degree in 2006. While at Lee, Matt was an influential student leader, working on A-Force, coordinating Life at Lee, teaching as a peer leader in



Gateway, and serving in a variety of leadership roles in the Student Leadership Council, including a year as Chairperson. While at Vanderbilt, Matt was actively involved in the Christian Legal Society and served as an articles editor for the *Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law*. Upon completing law school, Matt joined Beam & Rogers, a Nashville firm, and just recently accepted a position with Alliance Defense Fund, “a legal alliance defending the right to hear and speak the Truth.” Matt’s experiences and expertise should prove quite valuable as he addresses our theme.

