KLESSE
EMERGING LEADERS

The KEL Leadership Program strives to provide a learning platform for students to develop a unique leadership identity. Our priority is to equip students with education, training, and developmental experiences to empower exceptional leaders.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN! Deadline: Friday, May 2, 2025, or until all spots are filled.

Upcoming Info Sessions:
- April 14, 2 pm | EB 2.04.10
- April 15, 10 AM | EB 2.04.10

Requierements

- Sophomore classification (Juniors, Seniors, & Graduate may apply but preference will be given to the desired group)
- Commit participation for the whole academic year (September 2025 - April 2026)
- Read *Dare to Lead* book in the Fall semester (book will be provided)
- Attend biweekly meetings/workshops
- Attend the Student Org Leadership Summit (August 2025)
- Complete the capstone project (Synthesis paper & Poster)
- Complete the reflection form at the end of the program

Program Focus:

- Self-Awareness & Reflection
- Effective Communication
- Conflict Resolution
- Adaptability through Change
- Civic Responsibility
- Leading with Empathy
- Collaboration & Team Building

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Self-Awareness & Reflection
Empowering individuals to understand themselves fosters personal growth and resilience. Encouraging regular self-reflection helps in identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

Effective Communication
Communication is at the core of success in various aspects of life. Teaching effective communication skills, including active listening and clear expression, equips individuals to navigate relationships and collaborations more smoothly.

Conflict Resolution
Conflict is inevitable, but the ability to resolve it peacefully and constructively is a valuable skill. Providing tools and strategies for conflict resolution promotes a positive and cooperative environment.

Adaptability through Change
In a rapidly evolving world, adaptability is crucial. Teaching individuals how to embrace change, learn from it, and adapt positively can make a significant difference in their personal and professional lives.

Civic Responsibility
Fostering a sense of civic responsibility instills a commitment to community and societal well-being. Understanding the impact of individual actions on a larger scale encourages responsible and ethical decision-making.

Leading with Empathy
Empathy is a powerful leadership quality. Cultivating empathy helps individuals understand and connect with others on a deeper level, fostering inclusivity, and creating a supportive and collaborative atmosphere.

Collaboration & Team Building
Success often involves collaboration. Teaching effective team-building skills and emphasizing the importance of collaboration prepares individuals for the dynamics of group work, enhancing overall productivity and achievement.

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

"This program helps you look inwardly at yourself so you can bring out the best of yourself and apply it to both professional and personal interactions."

"This program, along with my leadership positions in student organizations, have made me more self-aware in terms of human-to-human collaboration. I feel like this program has expedited [growth for] the future when it comes to team collaboration, self-reflection, vulnerability, knowing your role, and much more."

"I would describe this program as an extremely useful industry tool that emphasizes essential soft skills and problem management. I would highly recommend it to those who are already branching out into their respective industry, and I would say to take notes and read along!"