

# Leadership for Change 2011



Leadership for Change is an ODUS-sponsored initiative proposed by students in fall 2010. The idea for LFC originated in a desire to foster peer-to-peer resource sharing and has been influenced by the campus conversation around leadership. Our team of dedicated students refined our vision of a Princeton culture in which leaders are not defined by position or title, but rather by students' ability and motivation to affect change within their organization, community, or field. We established a mission and goals toward the purpose of fostering a campus community in which students feel empowered to ask for leadership development resources--from peers, faculty, administrators, alumni, and beyond--with the goal of becoming better leaders in the nation's service and the service of all nations. Throughout 2011, Leadership for Change has continued to be driven by students, working closely with the ODUS staff and the leadership implementation group (LEA). With a motto of "constant self-evaluation," we have explored the campus demand for leadership development, and experimented with program offerings. We are excited to share our progress with you.

## Our Mission & Goals

The mission of Leadership For Change is to foster relationships among individuals with different leadership styles and contexts, make relevant leadership development programming accessible to students, and encourage pursuit withing the University community of a deeper understanding of what it means to be a leader. We undertake this mission in order to support the development of confident leaders who are well equipped to envision and affect change.



1. To make targeted, practice-based leadership training opportunities accessible to all students.
2. To promote the giving and receiving of feedback amongst student leaders.
3. To consolidate and publicize existing leadership development resources from students, campus organizations, faculty, administration, and alumni.
4. To highlight leadership practices and leadership development in both traditional and non-traditional contexts.
5. To explore diverse leadership styles, and to work towards a shared and dynamic understanding of what it means to be an effective leader.



**Dr. Laura Forese**  
COO, Cornell Medical Center;  
Princeton University Board  
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“ Thinking about leadership as a skill that you are working on and developing, this is really sophisticated compared to what I've seen in college. ”



**Anna Simpson**  
Class of 2014;  
Retreat and Conference  
Participant

“ [My biggest takeaway from my involvement with LFC is ] That Princeton has so many different leadership development opportunities that I haven't tried yet!! ”

## Best-Practices

The LFC team travelled to both Yale and UPenn to glean best-practices and lessons learned from similar leadership development organizations. Major findings from these trips include:

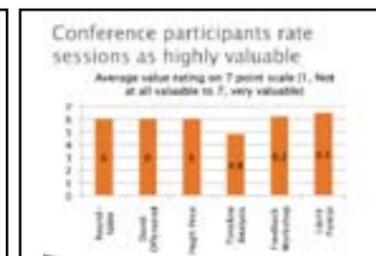
- The support of the University administration is crucial to our initiative's success.
- Effective publicity and communications will be integral to ensuring that students actually access the resources we offer.



## Programming



LFC programming in 2011 included a spring retreat at the Princeton Blairstown Center and a fall conference at a nearby alumni residence. Skills targeted at these events include strategic planning, brainstorming, and giving and receiving feedback.



## Alumni Outreach



A plan to foster student leaders

Recognizing the importance of the resources inherent in Princeton's rich tradition, LFC hosted a brunch at Reunions 2011 to learn from alumni about their leadership experiences at Princeton and after graduation. We have invited alumni to participate in each of our events, and updated alumni supporters through our newsletter.

9

events sponsored by Leadership for Change.

72

students attending Leadership for Change sponsored events.

3

speakers engaged by Leadership for Change.

37

leadership development opportunities entered to Leadership for Change calendar in the fall semester.

20

student organizations committed to partnering with Leadership for Change.

148

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