

Leadership Philosophy

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This leadership philosophy is based on the practice of creating a leadership philosophy by establishing maxims that address how one leads self, thinking, people and a balanced life from thoughtLEADERS, LLC.

Leading Self...

- **Work Hard**
I believe that a persistent mindset combined with hard work is as important as natural intelligence.
 - **Tell the Truth**
I believe honesty builds strong relationships. When things go wrong, I believe in accepting responsibility and moving on.
 - **Make a Difference**
I believe I should strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others in both my personal and professional life.
 - **Strive for Excellence**
I believe in striving for excellence rather than for perfection; I am far more likely to achieve one over the other!
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Leading Thinking...

- **Never Stop Learning**
I believe learning is one of the most important things humans can do across a lifetime.
 - **Listen More**
I believe in valuing the ideas and opinions of others. As a leader I seek to gather information from multiple sources to inform decisions.
 - **Talk Less**
I believe that I do not know everything, and therefore it is difficult to hear what others are saying unless one talks less.
 - **Reflect Often**
I believe one cannot grow without self-reflection. This is particularly true for me in challenging times since I seek to improve and improve things around me for the better.
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Leading People...

- **Seek to Serve**
I believe one should strive to serve the needs, passions, and interests of those around us.
 - **Respect People, Ideas, and Beliefs**
I believe in respecting, people, ideas, and beliefs, especially when they differ from me or my own.
 - **Be Appreciative**
I believe we should take the time to show our appreciation to others. Everyone likes and needs to feel valued and appreciated.
 - **Feed Spirits**
I believe in knowing the people we work with and identifying how to brighten their spirits, encourage their curiosity, and promote their dreams.
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Leading a Balanced Life...

- **Do What You Love**
I believe in identifying the things that make one happy and pursuing those things on a regular basis.
- **Express Yourself**
I believe that it is better to open your heart and to express love and compassion that may result in heartbreak than it is to limit the expression of your emotions.
- **Be Happy**
I believe that happiness is a choice and I choose find happiness in all aspects of my life.

🍷 **Make Time to Laugh**

I believe that spending time with those you love and enjoy and those who make you laugh can change your mood and positively recharge your mind, body, and spirit.

How I'm wired

- 🍷 I am a reflective thinker therefore, I take time to consider your words and thoughts before responding.
 - 🍷 I enjoy new challenges.
 - 🍷 I value the contributions of others and their desire to feel valued.
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My Desired Legacy

To encourage the exploration of knowledge for myself and others to maximize achievements relating to our individual and collective potential.

Leigh Funk, 2011

Favorite Quotes

"The only prerequisites to leadership are that you remain positive, calm, and open-minded." - Alexis Hunter

"The distinctive task of the academic profession is the pursuit of cognitive growth." - Anonymous
