Phase III Teams Up with Emerging Leaders

As we head into the final stretch of the fall semester, Phase III members are asked to take part in two dynamic activities which center on personal change. The first involves a group discussion with Emerging Leaders, which gives the upperclassmen an opportunity to share their own experiences with change and how they were able to adjust to their first semester at Elon. These events also provide the Emerging Leaders with a chance to hear about some of the amazing aspects of the Isabella Cannon Leadership Program, and in turn, witness how the program has contributed to the lives of each Phase III Leader.

In addition to leading the group discussions, Phase III members are asked to complete a personal project of change. During this time, each student will apply the knowledge they have gained through the program, in an effort to make a change involving one aspect of their lives. These projects can range from increasing their physical fitness, to improving their personal study habits. As the semester winds down, each Phase III member will write a short analysis upon the completion of their change project. This gives each student an opportunity to reflect on their change projects, successes, failures, roadblocks, and overall relation to personal change. It is through these two distinct aspects of the program, that each Phase III member will begin to discover their understanding of change, as well as assist in the development of the program’s Emerging Leaders.

By: David Springer

Consulting Program Redirects Focus

The Consulting Program has taken off this semester. We have changed our focus and redirected towards guiding organizations in effective meetings, transitioning leadership, planning retreats and developing their bylaws. We still offer workshops such as Team Performance, Time Management and Conflict Resolution. The Consulting Team has had the opportunity to work with four different organizations this semester and that we are constantly adding to our list of clients.

We are in the process of adding to the Consulting Team with Phase III members, advertising to organizations, putting together professional workshop packets and planning future events we will be in charge of.

If you are a part of an organization or know of an organization that could use guidance in specific areas, please encourage them to use our Consulting Program. Consulting Request forms are located in the Center for Leadership or you can contact the student director, Lauren Shelly at lshelly@elon.edu.

The Consulting Team hopes that you continue to have a great fall semester and a Happy Thanksgiving!

By: Lauren Shelly
Student Expresses Benefit from Leadership for Lunch

Leadership for Lunch has allowed me not only to network with other leaders on campus, but also to share my experiences in leading and learn from theirs. Assuming a leadership role at Elon can be a difficult one if the outgoing leader didn't leave a foundation for you to follow. In this case, the Leadership for Lunch sessions have been very helpful to provide a resource for leaders just starting out, or in every step of the way. I have been able to share my own experiences of being on leadership teams to leading two separate organizations so the other leaders don't have to go through the same hurdles. The most recent presentation on "Co-Programming" was very helpful in putting different organizations to plan an event together. This led to future connections between groups and creative brainstorming. A great addition to this program is the free lunch! What a nice treat from ordinary lunches and the discussions to complement them help me as a leader and a person.

By: Mary Caruso

Phase II Returns from Retreat

Members of Phase II have just recently returned home from their weekend retreat. They spent the weekend of Nov. 11-13 at a secret location working on their Lead Labs, learning about The Courageous Follower and getting to know the members of their phase.

Many Phase IV members met with the Phase II’ers in Koury Center on Friday before the vans departed at 3:30 P.M. This was a great opportunity for the two phases to meet each other, and Phase II members could interact with upperclassmen in the program.

Several members of Phase IV have been working hard to plan the retreat since the beginning of the year. I asked senior Bob Litchfield why he wanted to spearhead the planning efforts. “The Phase II retreat is one of the most valuable experiences in the entire program. I wanted to make sure they had as much fun as we had two years ago.”

The vans returned to Moseley on Sunday a little after 1:30 P.M. As promised, a great time was had by all who attended.

By: Dave Warfel
The transition for the Class of 2009 Leadership Fellows was one that undoubtedly will alter their college experience at Elon. The night they all entered Rhodes Stadium as 23 strangers was the beginning of an amazing journey throughout their college and leadership careers.

The first semester has kept the group extremely busy, and plugged into university life, as many have and continue to discover avenues to shine. This years group of Fellows, to simply name a few, are involved with varsity athletics, the Phoenix Phanatics, Sweet Signatures, and the Service Learning Community. A diverse group in demographics, background, and even nationality, it has been quite the opportunity to interact with, and observe the group through various activities earlier in the year.

The group became particularly close on the annual fall retreat to the Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Center in the Uwharrie National Forest. Being dashed away in the ever popular white Elon vans, these young minds were curious about the destination and itinerary of the upcoming weekend. When arriving at the high ropes course in Cedarrock Park, the questions of “Where are we?” were soon replaced with the appeals of “We don’t really have to do that, do we?!” All skepticism put aside, each participant successfully completed the course and made it to their final destination. The Fellows enjoyed weekend activities that fostered group dynamics, bonding, and even helped plan the remaining fall semester. When it was all said and done, the group enjoyed a camp fire, star gazing, and even a few ghost stories. All in all, the retreat proved to be the springboard for the year, allowing the group to come together for the remainder of their leadership experience at Elon.

While on the retreat, the group was asked to decide on a project they would work on for the entire year. Of the choices, the group reached a collaborative decision to work with an Appalachian Service Project local chapter at an area church. The project is aimed at improving the living conditions for those underprivileged families who live along the Appalachian Mountain chain in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia and North Carolina. While the group will not partake in the actual service, they will serve as consultants for the group, providing insight and leadership in the areas of marketing, programming and fundraising, in hopes to set the precedent for future groups looking to do similar projects.

By: Bryan Donald

“**To change the world, start with one step…**
*However small, the first step is hardest of all.*
- Dave Matthews

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**Pictures from the Phase II Retreat**
This winter break the Isabella Cannon Leadership Program will be operating a service trip down to the Bay St. Louis area. The trip will leave on January 25th and return January 29th. This is a great way to help those affected by Hurricane Katrina and also build on your personal leadership skills and development. If you would like more information, contact Lucy Young at lyoung@elon.edu. Applications are now available in the Center for Leadership (Moseley 224) and are due by November 30th.