

FUMA Summer Leadership Course

Operation LEAD:

Our summer leadership program attempts to equip the young man early for success, while in his adolescent learning stages. It is distinctively different from other leadership programs in that it does not examine leadership styles, personality, or management techniques. Instead, we focus on developing the character within the young man so that he is not just practicing leadership skills, but is, by definition, a leader.

A new way of thinking has emerged promulgating that leadership is not necessarily a position, but is a condition, a byproduct of who you are. One Marine Corps CPT defined leadership as “The qualities of moral character that enable a person to inspire and **influence** a group of people successfully.” John Maxwell wrote, “Leadership is **influence**. Nothing more. Nothing less.”

At FUMA, we believe Vince Lombardi was correct when he said, “Leaders are made. They are not born.” We teach our students that anyone can be a leader and that leadership is achieved by gaining influence through the strength of his character. General Norman Schwarzkopf said, “99% of leadership failures are failures of character. Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, lose the strategy.” Character development is at the core of our program.

Operation LEAD is a challenging course including the following:

- power point presentations
- Lecture format
- Discussions
- Etiquette classes
- Ropes course
- Visiting speakers
- Day excursions
- Group projects
- Daily quizzes
- Maintenance of daily Journal

The course is offered as a ½ or one whole credit.

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What former students said:

The discussions became a part of me and I caught myself living the principles day-to-day. I am convinced I am a better individual because of this class.

Tyler Astorg

The only advice I have for parents out there is that you make your son take this course. I truly believe it has helped me become a better person.

Nicholas Peterson

I learned that Jesus is at the base of servant leadership, and His teachings are prominent throughout the course. I found the course to be tough, but stimulating. I recommend this course to anyone wanting to learn about leadership and change as a person in the process.

Robert Hart

I was taught principles and values that have been around for a long time. As a result I now recognize the bad habits I have and how to change them. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn and experience this class. It will play a great role in my life.

Ivan Grove

The principles taught in this class will follow students their entire lives. This in-depth course provides a strong foundation for those who have a passion for relationships, influence and leadership. Participating in this class taught me how to cooperate with my peers and instructors. I also learned many life lessons. Thank you for providing another great class that emphasizes mind, body and spirit.

Nathan Crafford

Mission:

To teach capable and interested young men the principles of servant leadership, and assist them in developing the self motivation required to incorporate these principles into their lives.

Objectives:

- Understand principles of servant leadership
- Examine and report on available research
- Enhance emotional and spiritual growth
- Learn to develop and practice leadership behavior
- Learn how to replace poor behavior patterns with productive ones