Freshman Leadership Program

Ignatian tradition in a living/learning community from the Student Activities Office and Residence Life

Fall Retreat

Each fall, the new freshmen and the eleven executives attend a weekend retreat at Creighton's retreat center in Griswold, Iowa. The Freshman Leadership Program emphasizes the importance of relationships, both with others and with self; after all, it is through thorough understanding and personal connections that optimize one's leadership potential. One cannot give of themselves if they have nothing to give. The retreat focuses on the needs of self and how one can receive themselves in the eyes of others. It is from there that personal talents and gifts arise, and it is from there where such talents begin to flourish the beauty of our community and our world. The retreat is a weekend of genuine emotion and it unifies seventy-one individuals into one FLP.

Weekly Service

Freshmen in FLP attend one of eight service sites weekly around the Omaha-Metro area with their mentor group of five other freshmen, two sophomore mentors, and an FLP executive. Students predominately work with children in after-school or extended-care programs. These programs are located in ethnically and socio-economically diverse areas around the Omaha Metro area. Many children that FLP students work with at their service sites live below the poverty line. Oftentimes, the after-school, daycare, or extended-care programs that these children attend are safe, nurturing environments that are vital to a child's growth and development along with going to school.

When FLP students attend service, many have the opportunity to tutor and help students with homework. Other students lead group activities and play sports and other gym activities with the students; still other students do activities with mentally and physically handicapped students. FLP students form strong relationships with those they serve; many are considered to be active role models and sources of inspiration. The service sites that FLP students attend are: Precious Memories Daycare, Kids Can Community Center, South Omaha Boys & Girls Club, Completely Kids at Liberty Elementary, Jesuit Academy, Holy Name Elementary School S.T.A.R.S Program, Children's Respite Care Center and Hope Center for Kids.

First course and ticket from the 2013 FLP Thanksgiving Dinner

FLP Per Karin Kelly and FLP Exec Anna Alexander before seminar

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