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Create a better Baltimore.

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Participant Information Packet

Class Seven: Summer 2016 – Spring 2017



Program Calendar

Participant Information Sessions

April 20, 2015 @ UMBC

April 28, 2015 @ MICA

LeaderShape Institute

Sunday, August 14 – Friday, August 19, 2016

Week-long overnight retreat that begins each participant's Collegetown LeaderShape program. At Notre Dame of Maryland University

Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 1, 2016

An opportunity for participants to gather and refocus their visions with the help of alumni mentors, their Family Clusters, and Baltimore Collegetown staff.

Family Cluster Community Activity (Fall)

Time and Date vary depending on Family Cluster

Each Family Cluster plans and participates in one community-based activity as a group during the Fall semester following the Institute week. Activities include tours, educational/speaker sessions, or volunteer-based projects.

Campus Lunches (Fall)

Time and Date vary depending on students' schedules

An opportunity for participants to meet with campus leaders and Baltimore Collegetown representatives to discuss program experiences and give feedback

Spring Forward Retreat

Saturday, February 11 – Sunday, February 12, 2017

Reenergize with family clusters, hear from community partners, and have an opportunity to dig deeper into community engagement and social justice.

Spring Project 2017

Unique to each participant, based on his or her vision

The Spring Project allows each participant the chance to further his or her vision for Baltimore. Examples can be found in the previous class' Yearbook and include internships, volunteer opportunities, and program development. Students are also eligible to apply for grants to help fund their Spring Project.

Note: Grant funds are available to support projects. Grant applications are open from October – December.

Commencement Ceremony

April 7, 2017

Celebrate your journey with members of your class and leaders who make the program possible.



You are beginning an intentional journey where you will create, refocus, and take action on a positive, social change vision. Your journey starts with the Institute week, but does not end there. Here is a little information to help you prepare for the week.

What to Expect during the Institute week

This program is an intensive, energizing, and unique six-day educational experience designed to develop young adults to *lead with integrity*.

The success of this program depends on full interaction of all participants, which is why participants are expected to remain at the site for the entire session. Each participant will complete a Learning Agreement contract, which indicates that he or she is fully committing to the LeaderShape program.

You will spend much of your time completing activities in small groups called “Family Clusters,” which allows participants to quickly adapt to the program with the support of a close-knit group. Participants will also spend time developing team-building and leadership skills through various group activities.

Note: We purposefully do not provide specific agendas or schedules ahead of time for the activities you will engage in during the week. Instead, we ask you to come to LeaderShape with an open mind and a willingness to engage with other dynamic individuals.

Institute Packing Guidelines

As you prepare to come to the Collegetown LeaderShape Institute, we hope you will bring the following clothing and supplies listed below. It can be very warm outside but cool in the building. We suggest you bring everything, including all of those items that are listed as optional.

- 7 comfortable, casual outfits
- 2 pairs of pajamas
- 1 sweatshirt or sweater
- 3 pairs of shoes (1 casual, 1 professional, 1 athletic)
- Flip-flops or shower shoes
- 1 professional dress outfit (*sport jacket and tie or dress, skirt/blouse, etc.*)
- Linens/Blankets/Towels/Pillow (standard twin bed)
- 7 pairs of socks/underwear
- 1 set of casual clothes you can get dirty
- 1 light jacket

We also suggest: your own personal toiletry items, 1 week of prescription medication (if needed), poncho or umbrella, sunscreen, sunglasses, shower shoes, alarm clock, camera, personal journal, nominal spare cash (for personal needs), and snacks (although some snacks are provided)



Baltimore Community Information & Resources

Baltimore City Vital Signs: http://www.bnijfi.org/vs/vital_signs
Students in Service AmeriCorps: www.studentsinservice.org

Community Partners

Arts & Culture

Art with a Heart www.artwithaheart.net
Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance <http://baltimoreculture.org>
Station North www.stationnorth.org

Healthy Families

Baltimore Child Abuse Center www.bcaci.org
House of Ruth Maryland www.hruth.org
My Sister's Place <http://www.catholiccharities-md.org/my-sisters-place/>

Healthcare

Chase Brexton Health Services www.chasebrexton.org/
Healthcare for the Homeless www.hchmd.org
Project PLASE www.projectPLASE.org
HSP of Carroll County <http://www.hspinc.org/shelters.php>

K-12 Education

Hand in Hand Baltimore www.handinhandbaltimore.org
Higher Achievement <https://higherachievement.org/>
Maryland Business Roundtable
For Education www.mbrt.org
Thread <http://www.thread.org/>

Sustainability/Green

Blue Water Baltimore www.bluewaterbaltimore.org
Parks and People www.parksandpeople.org

Neighborhood Revitalization

Central Baltimore Partnership <http://www.centralbaltimore.org/>
Civic Works Baltimore Service Corps www.civicworks.com
Strong City Baltimore <https://strongcitybaltimore.org/>
United Way of Central Maryland www.uwcm.org