

LEAD SCHOLAR MENTOR/MENTEE DISCUSSION GUIDE -FALL

Below are recommended discussion topics for the mentor/mentee pairs throughout the calendar year. While these are provided to guide conversation, please feel free to expand beyond them or ignore them completely to focus on questions/topics of interest to you as the mentor/mentee.

AUGUST

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce yourself (name, major, involvement, interests, why did you choose Saint Leo?) 2. Discuss what you want to get out of the mentor/mentee pairing. 3. What advice do you have about making the most of your first semester in college? 4. Did you have any life lessons your first semester of college (good/bad) that influenced where you are now? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce yourself (name, major, involvement, interests, why did you choose Saint Leo?) 2. Discuss what you want to get out of the mentor/mentee pairing. 3. What are you most looking forward to from being involved in the LEAD scholars program? 4. When should we meet in October? Before/after ELLO, Workshop or LEADALL? Meal? Other?

SEPTEMBER @ Retreat

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been your key "take-away" from the retreat? 2. What has been the most memorable leadership "moment" you've experienced since being at Saint Leo? 3. What differences have you experienced between your first year, your sophomore year and now your junior year at Saint Leo? 4. How do you prioritize where you invest your time when it comes to academics and extra-curricular involvement? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have you liked most about the retreat? 2. Do you feel as though you've begun to build a friend group at Leo and/or in LEAD? 3. Has your first month at Saint Leo been what you expected? 4. What has been the most exciting or interesting thing to happen to you so far this year? 5. How can I be a support as you develop your leadership skills at Saint Leo/in the LEAD Scholars program?

OCTOBER

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you have any advice about midterms? 2. Do you have any advice about registering for classes for the spring? 3. Have you faced any challenges in your leadership roles this semester? How did you overcome/adapt to them? 4. What campus involvement has been your favorite? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has surprised you the most about your freshmen year so far? 2. Have you had a chance to get involved in anything yet? If so, what & share. 3. How are classes going? 4. What would you describe as your leadership style? 5. Do you have any questions about campus or areas you still want to explore?

NOVEMBER

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you have any advice about finals? 2. Do you have any advice about the transition from college to winter break and back? 3. What are you most looking forward to doing over the winter holiday? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you feel about your first semester in college? 2. Any new involvement planned for the spring semester? 3. What are you most looking forward to doing over the winter holiday?

DECEMBER –no LEAD Scholars required events –focus on finals

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JANUARY

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How were your holidays? Any funny stories? Were there any big changes from your first to second semester of college? What attracts you about leadership opportunities? What are some of your favorite stores or restaurants in the area? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How were your holidays? Any funny stories? What are you most excited about for this semester? Is there anything you're anxious about for this semester? What have you done for yourself this semester? How are you taking care of yourself?

FEBRUARY

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How do you achieve balance between academics, personal life and leadership roles? Have you had any internship or work experiences that have helped you grow as a leader? How? How would you describe your style of leadership? Have you ever worked/served under a horrible leader? How did you manage it? Who is the best leader you've ever worked with/under and why? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If you had to choose one leadership role that you imagine would be the highlight of your senior year –what would that be? What are you doing now to work towards that? What is a leadership skill you'd like to focus on developing in the next year? Any plans for how to achieve that? What type of community service do you enjoy?

MARCH

a FIRST YEAR SCHOLAR could ask ...	a JUNIOR SCHOLAR could ask ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are you most looking forward to about being a senior? What anxieties do you have about senior year? What are some of your "bigger picture" leadership aspirations? What is the most challenging aspect of being a junior? Are they happy with their decision to attend Saint Leo University? Why/why not? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was your favorite memory so far this year? What was your least favorite moment and/or worst experience from this year? What leadership roles do you have planned for next year? What support could you use in connecting/moving toward leadership roles and/or additional involvement next year?

APRIL

for your final meeting/wrap-up, you could discuss ...
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Do you have plans to continue meeting up in future years? What would YOU like for that to be (once a month, once/twice a semester, play it by ear, none)? What could the LEAD Scholars program do next year to provide more structure/support for the mentorship pairings? What all do each of you need/want to do to successfully wrap up this year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> With classes, clubs/organizations, etc. What are your summer plans? What are you excited about for next year? Do you have any hopes/goals for your mentor/mentee? Any end-of-year words as this mentorship pairing formally wraps up? Share them with each other!