

Leadership Institute for Undergraduate Women

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE:

The Leadership Institute for Undergraduate Women provides a forum for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to nurture the leadership potential of women students. It creates an experience that empowers women as leaders, challenges women to realize their full potential as leaders and connects women with other women who are committed to social change.

GOALS:

- Develop and strengthen women's leadership skills.
- Increase the involvement of women students as leaders committed to social equity.
- Develop a supportive network of women throughout the State System and within its 14 individual universities.
- Encourage mentoring relationships among women in PASSHE.
- Provide for informal living and learning opportunities among students, faculty, administrators and staff.
- Help students define campus projects to practice skills learned at the institute under the mentorship of the campus contact.

CONTENT/FORMAT:

Instructional sessions are conducted by a variety of talented women who not only contribute to the content of learning activities, but also serve as role models and potential mentors. All sessions are interactive, requiring participants to engage in discussions, role plays, simulations and case study analyses. Students meet in small groups to process and apply information as well as learn from each others' experiences.

Guest speakers, outdoor recreation and team-building exercises also contribute to a variety of activities and create multiple learning opportunities. Additionally, literature, music and videos about women and women's issues are available on site.

STUDENT APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Criteria for selection and application deadlines are available in the Office of Student Affairs, the Women's Commissions or Women's Consortium contact at each of the 14 universities. Once students have been selected, an institute representative will contact each one to provide further information.

Women's Consortium

If you are interested in more information about the Women's Consortium or would like to join, contact Andrea McClanahan, President, East Stroudsburg University, at 570-422-3697 or amclanahan@po-box.esu.edu, or Colleen McQueeney, Treasurer, Shippensburg University, at 717-477-1721 or camcqu@ship.edu