Emerging Leaders FLC
*Explore and Define* Reflection Assignments

Throughout this semester you will be asked to explore and define different aspects of leadership, leaders on campus, and leadership in action. These reflection assignments will help you compose a portfolio of thoughts, ideas, information, and allow you to build a strong foundation of personal leadership. Each assignment will help you piece together your vision, values, and practices of leadership throughout this semester. Use these assignments to help you explore and define best practices of leading and personal effectiveness in your life.

**Assignments**

**#1 Interview of a Georgia State Student Leader Reflection**

**Total Points: 20**

**Due: Week 11 (October 31)**

On your leadership and involvement journey, it is important to ask questions of those who have walked before you. In this reflection you are asked to interview a student leader at Georgia State on his/her involvement with leadership, academics, and service.

**Explore:**
What did you learn from this interview with the student leader about leadership? What leadership specific theories relate to how this person views leadership? How will you take his/her words of wisdom and apply them to your leadership, academic, and service development while at Georgia State?

**Define:**
Is your philosophy of leadership similar to that of this student leader? Yes or no and why? Has your personal philosophy changed or been modified since your interview? What are clubs/organizations are you interested in getting involved with at Georgia State.

**Possible Questions to ask during your interview:**

- What is your personal philosophy/definition of leadership?
- How did you first get involved in clubs and activities at Georgia State University?
- What skills do you believe are important to be an effective leader? Why?
- Who is your role-model/mentor at Georgia State?
- What are some of the activities that you perform in your clubs/organizations and your schoolwork? Please Explain.
- What has been your biggest challenge in leadership/ as a student leader?
- What has been your biggest celebration in leadership/ as a student leader?
• What are some resources at Georgia State that every student leader should know about?
• What are some words of advice that you would give to a new student leader here at Georgia State?

Requirements:
• The student leader that you select must be a current student leader at Georgia State University.
• He/she must hold a leadership position in a registered club/organization at Georgia State (to find a list of registered clubs and organizations please visit the Office of Student Life and Leadership website at www.gsu.edu/~wwwsta for more information).
• He/she must be either a junior or senior in credit standing.
• You must meet face-to-face with the student leader.
• You must contact the student leader no less than 1 week before the interview to arrange a time to meet.
• You must start early on this project. **YOU** are responsible for seeking out and contacting the student leader. If you are unable to get a hold of a student leader, quickly try to contact someone else. In the end **YOU** (and your grade) are responsible.
• If you are having trouble, meet with your instructor for ideas and suggestions.
• 4 full text pages minimum
  • 2-pages for the actual interview
  • 2-page sfor the analysis, *explore*, and *define* questions to be answered
  • Include the student leader’s name, club/organization, e-mail address and phone number at the end of the assignment
  • Double spaced
  • 12-point font
  • 1 inch margins