ABSTRACT

CREATIVE PROJECT: Faith-based Leadership Conference for College Students

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The purpose of this project was to create a faith-based leadership conference for upper-class college students in conjunction with a pre-existing faith-based leadership conference, 3SLI, for high school juniors, seniors, and college freshmen. However, this project can be modified to fit any faith-based leadership conference for college students. This project was created to support students in their faith and leadership development, and to teach religious educators how to support and educate college students as they develop spiritually. This project will provide readers with specific instructions on how to develop a faith-based leadership conference, prepare session leaders, and implement the conference.

The goal of this project was to create a faith-based leadership conference where students are able to continue their leadership and faith development. In addition, the students will be able to question what they have been taught and understand regarding their faith in order to create a personal definition and understanding of their faith. The conference will encourage session leaders and students to have an open dialogue regarding their faith and concerns they may have after experiencing their first year of college. The conference will also teach servant leadership to those who attend, and by

doing so, redefine a traditional understanding of leadership. This will encourage students to see that leadership comes through serving others. This conference will allow students to continue to develop their faith and servant leadership, and recreate a new understanding and/or build upon what they have learned during their attendance at the high school faith-based leadership conference. The project includes a sample budget, advertisement, session leader training schedule, conference schedule, and conference evaluations.