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For Leadership Success

Campus Center and Student Activities Department

Leadership

How Can I Develop My Leadership Skills?

It is important to know that every leader will have individual strengths and weaknesses. One leader may be able to make decisions quickly and logically, but not have the ability to communicate well, while another could be an effective listener, but not excel at making the organization feel like a team. There are many ways for leaders to increase their knowledge and develop their leadership skills. This is very important, even for the most skilled and experienced student leader!

A few ways that you can make yourself an experienced leader include:

- Sign up for a leadership development opportunity on campus
 - i.e.) The Leading Edge Series, Leadership Lunches, etc.
- Read books on leadership
 - The Student Activities Office has a leadership library that can provide you advice and ideas for your organization
- Try new responsibilities and roles within your organization

Below are books recommended by Bowling Green State University about leadership that are available in the WPI Leadership Library located in the Student Activities Office.

Author	Book Title
Greenleaf, Robert K.	On Becoming a Servant Leader
Kouzes, James M.	The Leadership Challenge How to Keep Getting Extraordinary Things Done in Organizations
Murray, Margo	Beyond the Myths and Magic of Mentoring—How to Facilitate an Effective Mentoring Process

Beneficial Skills of a Leader

Effective Listening
Delegation
Decision Making
Communication
Teambuilding



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