

# Medallion Program

## Six Domains

The six domains come from the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education they are the Leadership Learning and Development Outcomes

- These learning standards provide a framework that empowers student leaders to embody effective and reflective leadership practices.
- The back side of this handout includes examples of learning objectives to provide more context (p. 447-460).  
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## **Knowledge Acquisition**

### ***Understanding knowledge from a range of disciplines***

Possesses knowledge of human cultures and the physical world; possesses knowledge of [a specific] one or more subjects.

### ***Connecting knowledge to other knowledge, ideas, and experiences***

Uses multiple sources of information and their synthesis to solve problems; knows how to access diverse sources of information such as the internet, text observations, and data bases

### ***Constructing knowledge***

Personalizes learning; makes meaning from text, instruction, and experience; uses experience and other sources of information to create new insights; generates new problem-solving approaches based on new insights; recognizes one's own capacity to create new understandings from learning activities and dialogues with others

### ***Relating knowledge to daily life***

Seeks new information to solve problems; relates knowledge to major and career decisions; makes connections between classroom and out-of-classroom learning; articulates career choices based on assessment of interests, values, skills, and accomplishments resulting from formal education, work experience, community service, and volunteer experiences, for example in resumes and portfolios

## **Cognitive Complexity**

### ***Critical thinking***

Identifies important problems, questions, and issues; analyzes, interprets, and makes judgments of the relevance and quality of information; assesses assumptions and considers alternative perspectives and solutions

### ***Reflective thinking***

Applies previously understood information, concepts, and experiences to new situation or setting; rethinks previous assumptions

### ***Effective reasoning***

Uses complex information from a variety of sources including personal experience and observation to form a decision or opinion; is open to new ideas and perspectives

## ***Creativity***

Integrates mental, emotional, and creative processes for increased insight; formulates a new approach to a particular problem.

## **Intrapersonal Development**

### ***Realistic self-appraisal, self-understanding, and self-respect***

Assesses, articulates, and acknowledges personal skills, abilities, and growth areas; uses self-knowledge to make decisions such as those related to career choices; articulates rationale for personal behavior; seeks and considers feedback from others; critiques and subsequently learns from past experiences; employs self-reflection to gain insight; functions without need for constant reassurance from others; balances needs of self with those of others

### ***Identity development***

Integrates multiple aspects of identity into a coherent whole; recognizes and exhibits interdependence in accordance with environmental, cultural, and personal values; identifies and commits to important aspects of self

### ***Commitment to ethics and integrity***

Incorporates ethical reasoning into action; explores and articulates the values and principles involved in personal decision-making; acts in congruence with personal values and beliefs; exemplifies dependability, honesty, and trustworthiness; accepts personal accountability

### ***Spiritual awareness***

Develops and articulates personal belief system; understands roles of spirituality in personal and group values and behaviors; critiques, compares, and contrasts various belief systems; explores issues of purpose, meaning, and faith

## **Practical Competence**

### ***Pursuing goals***

Sets and pursues individual goals; articulates rationale for personal and educational goals and objectives; articulates and makes plans to achieve long-term goals and objectives; identifies and works to overcome obstacles that hamper goal achievement

### ***Communicating effectively***

Conveys meaning in a way that

others understand by writing and speaking coherently and effectively; writes and speaks after reflection; influences other through writing, speaking or artistic expression; effectively articulates abstract ideas; uses appropriate syntax and grammar; makes and evaluates presentations or performances; listens attentively to others and responds appropriately.

### ***Technological competence***

Demonstrates technological literacy and skills; demonstrates the ethical application of intellectual property and privacy; uses technology ethically and effectively to communicate, solve problems, and complete tasks; stays current with technological innovations

### ***Managing personal affairs***

Exhibits self-reliant behaviors; manages time effectively; develops strategies for managing finances

### ***Managing career development***

Takes steps to initiate a job search or seek advanced education; constructs a resume based on clear job objectives and with evidence of knowledge, skills, and abilities; recognizes the importance of transferrable skills

### ***Demonstrating professionalism***

Accepts supervision and direction as needed; values the contributions of others; holds self accountable for obligations; shows initiative; assesses, critiques, and then improves the quality of one's work and one's work environment

### ***Maintaining health and wellness***

Engages in behaviors and contributes to environments that promote health and reduce risk; articulates the relationship between health and wellness in completing goals; exhibits behaviors that advance the health of communities

### ***Living a purposeful, satisfying life***

Makes purposeful decisions regarding balance among education, work, and leisure time; acts in congruence with personal identity, ethical, spiritual, and moral values

## **Civic Engagement**

### ***Understanding and appreciation of cultural and human differences***

Understands one's own identity and culture; seeks involvement with people different from oneself; articulates the advantages and

impact of a diverse society; identifies systematic barriers to equality and inclusiveness, then advocates and justifies means for dismantling them; in interactions with others, exhibits respect and preserves the dignity of others

### ***Global perspective***

Understands and analyzes the interconnectedness of societies worldwide; demonstrates effective stewardship of human, economic, and environmental resources

### ***Social responsibility***

Recognizes social systems and their influence on people; appropriately challenges the unfair, unjust, or uncivil behavior of other individuals or groups; participates in service/volunteer activities that are characterized by reciprocity; articulates the values and principles involved in personal decision-making; affirms and values the worth of individuals and communities

## **Interpersonal Competence**

### ***Meaningful relationships***

Establishes healthy, mutually beneficial relationships with others; treats others with respect; manages interpersonal conflicts effectively; demonstrates appropriately assertive behavior

### ***Interdependence***

Seeks help from others when needed and offers assistance to others; shares a group or organizational goal and works with others to achieve it; learns from the contributions and involvement of others; accepts supervision and direction as needed

### ***Collaboration***

Works cooperatively with others, including people different from self and/or with different points of view; seeks and values the involvement of others; listens to and considers others' points of view

### ***Effective leadership***

Demonstrates skill in guiding and assisting a group, organization, or community in meeting its goals; identifies and understands the dynamics of a group; exhibits democratic principles as a leader or group member; communicates a vision, mission, or purpose that encourages commitment and action in others