The HWS Leads Leadership Certificate Program, offered by the Centennial Center for Leadership, is designed to purposefully guide students in understanding the concept and practice of leadership, provide opportunities for students to learn from the perspectives and experiences of effective leaders, and cultivate a connection between students’ classroom-based learning and their experiential leadership-building roles on campus and in the community. Throughout the program, students will reflect upon themselves as leaders, the complexities of leading a group of diverse others, and the effects of situational, organizational, and cultural contexts. Core concepts to leadership, such as values, trust, identity, inclusiveness, ethics, power, emotional intelligence, and motivation will be explored. This program provides the foundation for students to embark upon, or continue, their journey of developing into intentional, authentic, ethical, values-based and successful leaders.

Requirements for earning the Leadership Certificate include:

- HWS Leads Reader’s College
- Public Speaking Reader’s College
- Leadership Theory II Reader’s College
- e-Portfolio
- Leadership Practicum: Leadership Role, or Community-based Research Project

There are many opportunities for students to serve in leadership roles on the HWS campus and in the Geneva community. The Practicum experience is designed to push students to apply the leadership theories and concepts studied in the HWS Leads Reader’s College by engaging in leadership work, gaining professional experience, and providing service that benefits others. You will design this experience in partnership with the staff at the Centennial Center for Leadership and regularly reflect on the experience through journaling.

All Hobart and William Smith students are eligible to apply for the HWS Leads Certificate Program. First years and sophomores are strongly encouraged to apply. To apply, submit the application form, a current resume, and a personal statement. Details about the application process are outlined on the following page. The deadline for all materials to be submitted for consideration for the Spring 2015 semester is Monday, October 20 at 12:00 p.m.

The Spring 2015 HWS Lead’s Reader’s College is scheduled to meet on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Students who are unavailable at this time, or who are uncertain about their Spring schedules, are still invited to apply.

Applications due to the Centennial Center for Leadership by Monday, October 20 at 12:00 P.M. Hard copy or online submission is acceptable.
Online applications can be found at hws.edu/leadership
Name: ________________________________  College: ________________________________
Major(s): ____________________________  Minor(s): ____________________________
Cumulative GPA: _____________________  Class Year: ____________________________
E-mail Address: _________________________________________________________________
Campus Box: __________________________  Phone Number: _________________________
Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________

Where did you hear about HWS Leads?
Facebook ___  Fellow Student ___  Professor/In Class ___  HWS Website ___  Coach ___
Other [Please Describe] _________________________________________________________

Optional Section:
First Generation: __ Yes __ No
Race: ____________________________
Nationality: ____________________________

Personal Responses: Your responses to these questions should tell us something about yourself that we cannot gather from your resume. Please type and attach your responses.
1. Describe someone who embodies engaged citizenship or involved followership.
2. If you are selected as a member of the Spring 2015 Cohort what will you bring to the table?
3. If you could lead a change what would you do and why?

Interview Availability
The group interview experience is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Interviews will be held at the Centennial Center for Leadership. If you absolutely cannot make this please e-mail obrien@hws.edu to schedule an alternative interview time.

Application Checklist: The following application components must be submitted in hardcopy or online by Monday, October 20 at 12:00 p.m.

1. Application Form
2. Current Resume
3. Personal Statement (see Application Form)

Please direct questions about the HWS Leads program or the application process to the Centennial Center for Leadership. E-mail: leadership@hws.edu or (315)781-4550

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