

# Leading Off Campus

A PROGRAM OF  LEADERSHIP GREATER HARTFORD

## **CLASS IV - 2018**



# About Leadership Greater Hartford

It's widely recognized that a community is more than just buildings. Less well understood is the energy that it takes to establish, nurture, and expand the connections between people to bring the character of a community forward.

That energy is what we call leadership.

For more than 40 years Leadership Greater Hartford has been bringing people of diverse backgrounds together to build the awareness and mutual trust needed to create constructive partnerships that serve the greater good.

By acting on these principles over the past four decades, hundreds of community impact projects have been completed; more than 600 employers have enriched the development of their staff and become involved with civic progress; 2500+ students from four dozen schools across the region have gained broader perspectives and wider circles of friends; and more than 500 seniors have gained the opportunity to continue giving back to the communities they've seen undergo so much change in their lifetimes.

Even beyond the direct effect Leadership Greater Hartford has had on our program participants, we are proud to maintain a broader role in the capital city's continued development. We have helped facilitate broad dialogue and engagement between citizens, city government, businesses, and community organizations. Our programming has led to the appointment of more than 650 new board members at 135+ different community-based nonprofits throughout the region.

In fact, participants of Leadership Greater Hartford programs, a third of whom are from minority populations, are nearly one-and-a-half times more likely to continue to volunteer in their community than the national average.

The buildings that shape Hartford's downtown, neighborhoods, and surrounding towns will no doubt continue to change. Leadership Greater Hartford is committed to working with every constituency to ensure that the strength of our community grows with equal vigor.

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## **Leading Off Campus Participants:**

- Gain valuable leadership skills and expand their networks to assist in transition after graduation
- Acquire knowledge of the region, appreciate its assets, and learn ways to become meaningfully engaged in addressing its challenges
- Influence change and recognize their potential for impact in the community
- Meet and connect with prominent community leaders
- Develop relationships with student leaders from other colleges and universities
- Use the skills learned in the program to plan and implement a service learning project that positively impacts the community
- Earn a Certificate in Community Leadership from Leadership Greater Hartford

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# Leading Off Campus 2018 Task Forces

As part of the Leading Off Campus experience, now in its fourth year, participants divided into two teams which serve as collaborative learning laboratories we call task forces. Students take the lessons they learn in their weekly sessions and apply them to the planning and implementation of a service learning project. Members of each task force are listed below with a description of the community issues they selected.

## **Reintegration Awareness**

Participants in this task force were passionate about the theme of second chances, spreading awareness related to reintegration of formerly-incarcerated individuals and sharing resources for re-entering citizens. This team created an informational brochure regarding reintegration statistics and resources in Connecticut and hosted small information sessions which raised awareness among students at their individual campuses. Members of this task force attended the national re-entry day at the state capitol.

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<b>Denzel Anderson</b>	Eastern Connecticut State University
<b>Natasia Baker</b>	Goodwin College
<b>Aaliyah Campbell</b>	University of Connecticut Hartford Campus
<b>Stephen Campbell</b>	Goodwin College
<b>Gabrielle Fearon</b>	University of Connecticut Hartford Campus
<b>Kyle Fields</b>	Trinity College
<b>Jennifer Koo</b>	University of Connecticut Hartford Campus
<b>Piper O'Donnell</b>	Bay Path University
<b>Laura Salerni</b>	UConn School of Social Work

## **Character Development & Leadership Workshop**

Building good character in today's youth is essential for positive development. As children practice skills that promote character growth, they build a reservoir of strength that they can draw upon throughout their lives. This team created a workshop that is designed to teach students about identifying and understanding leadership core principles and the many opportunities that come from failure.

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<b>Kendrick Constant</b>	Eastern Connecticut State University
<b>Kayla Crucetts</b>	University of Connecticut Hartford Campus
<b>Mabintou Darboe</b>	Capital Community College
<b>Patrice Eugene</b>	Eastern Connecticut State University
<b>Victoria Hayes</b>	Goodwin College
<b>Courtney Majcher</b>	University of Saint Joseph
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## **Ishtua Alicea**

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Ishtua Alicea will graduate in Fall of 2019 with a B.A in Urban and Community Studies. He plans on pursuing a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut. Ishtua originally attended the University of Oregon where he traveled to Los Angeles and Oakland, CA for a poverty alleviation project. While attending the University of Oregon, he became a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. There, Ishtua was the secretary of the Rho Beta Chapter responsible for keeping accurate records of the chapter meetings. Ishtua is currently an enlisted soldier of the Connecticut Army National Guard stationed in Norwich, CT.

## **Myrani Alvarado**

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Myrani will graduate in May of 2018 with a B.A. in Communications. She is a passionate self-starter whose interests lie in non-profit work and leadership training. She hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in Communications and one day own her own business. Myrani is currently an intern for The Women's Advancement Initiative-LEAD Program and works for The Office of Marketing and Communication at The University of Hartford. She has also worked as a Resident Assistant and Orientation Leader since 2016 and was elected to serve on the Executive Board for Sigma Kappa Sorority as the Panhellenic Delegate. In her free time, Myrani plays Women's Rugby and volunteers as a tutor.

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Denzel Anderson will graduate in May of 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. Primarily he expresses interest in clinical work and case management. He aspires to pursue his Master's in Social Work and to one day practice clinical case management in a hospital or agency that serves individuals and families. Denzel is currently an intern at Thirman Milner School in Hartford, CT where he has created a ten-lesson curriculum to help promote socio-emotional growth amongst his group of students in the after-school program.

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Natasia Baker will graduate from Goodwin College in June of 2018 with a B.S. in Health Science and a B.S. in Public Health with a minor in psychology. Natasia is extremely active on her college campus. Having previously served as the Student Representative on the Goodwin College Board of Trustees, she has now taken on the role of Board President of the Women Invested in Securing an Education student committee. She is also a member of the Goodwin College CREW, an on campus student leadership program. Natasia desires to attend medical school in the future to study infectious disease, specifically focusing on HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention.

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Aaliyah Campbell will graduate in the spring of 2020 with a B.A. in Urban and Community Studies from the University of Connecticut. She plans to work within the Hartford community to improve neighborhoods and the lives of residents. Aaliyah currently holds the Secretary position for UCONN Hartford's Christian Student Organization. She also plans to join the Fastrack program to work towards a Master's of Public Administration. Aaliyah is from Bloomfield, CT and actively works in Hartford as a Program Coordinator for Summer of Solutions Hartford, an urban farming nonprofit organization.

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Stephen Campbell is an extraordinary individual who exemplifies what it means to have a second chance. He is expected to graduate in the summer of 2020 with a B.S. in Manufacturing Management, thanks in part to the Governor's Second Chance bill. Stephen demonstrates leadership at Goodwin College where he has blossomed into the role of Teacher's Assistant/Lab Technician. In this position, he supports students being trained in advanced manufacturing. Stephen is passionate about helping others and giving back to the community; he looks forward to working with underprivileged youth and giving them the tools necessary to become effective leaders.

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Kendrick Constant will graduate in May of 2018 with a B.S. in Finance, with minors in Accounting and Business Information Systems. Kendrick is passionate about being his best self, living his best life, and being an example to younger minorities. Kendrick is currently the President of M.A.L.E.S (Men Achieving Leadership Excellence Success) at ECSU. He has previously held positions such as Treasurer for M.A.L.E.S, and President for BSU and RHA. Kendrick is working towards his CPA and has accepted an offer with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He plans to keep the private sector accountable and prevent actions and behaviors detrimental to their respective industries.

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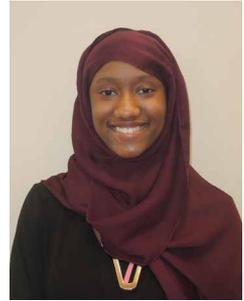
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Kayla Crucetts will graduate in May of 2021 with a B.S. from the University of Connecticut. She is passionate about helping others and serving her community. Kayla graduated from Summer Nexus, a program of Leadership Greater Hartford, in 2015. Kayla is currently involved in the multicultural Hola club and business focused DECA club on the UCONN Hartford campus. She is a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society for First Year Honors students. She previously attended Farmington High School and the Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and would like to continue to work closely with members of underrepresented communities.

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Mabintou Darboe will be completing an A.S in Biology in the Fall of 2018. She has a strong will and desire to give back to the less fortunate.

Mabintou is currently the President of the Muslim Students' Association at Capital Community College, an affiliate of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. She plans to pursue a Medical Degree in the near future. Mabintou would like to work with NGOs whose primary goal is to make access to health care easier in regions around the world. Her ultimate goal is to provide free education to girls in her home country of Gambia as well as other underprivileged youth. Upon the completion of her Associates degree, Mabintou will transfer to The University of Saint Joseph to pursue a B.S in Biology.

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Patrice Eugene will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 2020, double majoring in English and Sociology. Patrice believes his tribulation as an undocumented immigrant sparked an interest for taking success to new heights. As an Opportunity Scholar at Eastern Connecticut State University, he is determined to take the road less traveled. In the past year, he served as an Admissions Tour Guide and Student Orientation Counselor. Now, he currently serves as a Writing Tutor and a Student Worker in the President's office. Patrice is considering a doctoral study in Social Policy and law school post-graduation.

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Gabrielle Fearon will graduate in May of 2020 with a B.S. in Biology. She is a 2017 University of Maine Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholar, 2017 New England Scholar, and has consistently made the Dean's List every semester since the Fall of 2016. Her primary interest lies in public health as either a medical researcher or doctor. With this knowledge and experience, she hopes to give back to her community by advising individuals to be conscious of what they ingest and the effect it has on their wellbeing. Gabrielle currently serves as a volunteer in the Sunday meal program at the Hartford Citadel Salvation Army.

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Kyle Fields will graduate in May of 2021 from Trinity College, double majoring in International Relations & Hispanic Studies, with a minor in Music. His primary interests are community service and human rights. Kyle currently serves on the Executive Board of Trinity College Habitat for Humanity, is a bass in Chapel Singers, a member of the Outdoors Club, is the Vice President of the Trinity Homelessness Project, and has taken private piano lessons for 11 years. He is a Trinity College Presidential Scholar, an Eagle Scout and a winner of the Brown Book Award. Kyle strives for excellence in leadership and education. Kyle is from Framingham, MA and hopes to work at an NGO or embassy in Latin America, putting his fluency in the Spanish language to use.

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Victoria Hayes will graduate in the Spring of 2019 from Goodwin College with a Bachelor's degree in Human Services and a minor in Psychology. Her passion includes working with people of all ages that are living with disabilities. Victoria hopes to work as an Intake Specialist for a human services organization. She also plans to get her Master's Degree in Counseling & Special Education. Victoria currently serves as the Vice President of the Human Services Club at Goodwin College. In addition, she is an active member of the Goodwin College CREW, a student leadership program on campus. She was awarded the 2017 Human Services Perseverance Award for the determination and courage she has exhibited while pursuing her degree.

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Jennifer Koo will graduate from the University of Connecticut in May of 2020, with a B.S. in Allied Health Sciences and a B.A. in Sociology. She hopes to pursue a career in Global Health to explore and alleviate problems that impact disadvantaged individuals socially, politically, and economically. Jennifer currently participates in the Partners in Health Engage, an on-campus organization that seeks to stabilize the health care delivery system through advocacy, fundraising, and education. Jennifer has been an active member of the UConn Hartford campus, including serving as a voting member (Senator) on the Associated Student Government, Treasurer of the Journalism Club, Club Liaison to the Chess & Drama Clubs, and a Peer Coach in the PEER P.A.L.S. Program. Jennifer also maintains competitive standing in her academics, making the Dean's List regularly, and earning recognition from UConn's New England Scholars program for her hard work. She strives to continue growing in her roles as a dynamic student, and an active member of her community.

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Courtney Majcher will graduate in May of 2019 with her Bachelor's degree in Special Education and Certificate in Elementary Education. She is passionate about learning and helping others in the community. Courtney works as a Resident Assistant and Campus Office Manager at the University of Saint Joseph. Off campus, she represents USJ in the Greater Hartford Intercollegiate Student Council overseen by the Hartford Consortium for Higher Education. Once she has completed her degree, Courtney plans to continue her education by studying behavior analysis at the graduate level.

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Piper O'Donnell will graduate in the Spring of 2019 with a Bachelors degree in Legal Studies from Bay Path University. She loves to share her passion for dogs and knowledge of the law with those around her. She serves on her campus in many different capacities, including a member of the Law Club, and Community Service Secretary of the Bay Path University Honors Program. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, Piper plans to attend law school and practice in the state of Connecticut.

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Nia Ransom will graduate in May of 2020 with a B.A in Human Development and Family Studies and a minor in Psychology. She is passionate about providing support to underrepresented populations as well as helping future generations understand the value of utilizing the available resources in their communities. Nia plans to pursue a dual graduate degree in both Social Work and Law, in hopes of strengthening families in inner city communities. Nia has been involved with many clubs on her campus and currently serves as an Orientation Leader and President of the Christian Student Organization.

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Laura Salerni will graduate in May of 2019 with a Master's degree in Social Work. She previously graduated from Fairfield University in May of 2017 with a B.A. in Psychology. She is extremely passionate about social justice, mental health and working to make the world a better place. After completing her degree, she hopes to work as a school Social Worker and potentially pursue a Ph.D. in Social Work so that she can teach at the collegiate level.

