

The Leadership Institute at Pinewood Preparatory School

At Pinewood, we subscribe to the belief that every student can lead. We believe that leadership skills are developed through a lifelong process. Our goal is to equip each student with a collection of skills and abilities, and to make them aware of how the actions they choose in a given situation will impact those around them. Pinewood's **Leadership Institute** emphasizes seven core elements which each student is exposed to in direct ways:

Personal Mastery **Moral Foundation** **Communication Skills** **Goal Setting**
Problem Solving **Self Awareness** **Inspiring & Motivating Others**

It is our goal to enhance mastery of the core elements through the three major components of the Leadership Institute: Leadership Courses; Community Service; and an Internship.

Our emphasis on active citizenship and servant leadership helps students begin to understand this leadership paradigm. It is not about seeking power, but asking, "How can I be of help?" We also aim to develop within each student a strong moral foundation and ethical lens.

A key piece of the experiential education component for each student will be participating in an internship in a career interest area. We believe the internship experience will provide unique opportunities that will facilitate self-discovery, enhance leadership skills, and help students define their own educational goals by identifying areas of interest through hands-on, experiential learning in career interest areas.

As part of their graduation requirement, every student will participate in the leadership program each year in some way:

- *Students must successfully complete a half credit of **Leadership Institute Courses** prior to graduation.*
- *Students are required to complete community service hours as outlined in the student handbook.*
- *Students are required to complete a field internship of 30 hours prior to graduation.*

Students and families interested in learning more about the Leadership Institute should contact Babette Hamilton at bhamilton@pinewoodprep.com