Leadership in Action: The Paul Sullivan Leadership Institute at Middlesex Community College was launched to help identify and develop student leaders. The Institute is named in honor of the late Paul Sullivan, popular radio talk-show host, political editor of the Lowell Sun, television news commentator, and long-time adjunct professor at Middlesex. Before he died in 2007, Sullivan met with former MCC President Carole Cowan to discuss a program he envisioned that would cultivate new community leaders from the college’s student population. These students would interact with local government and businesses to learn the skills needed to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Recruitment Process: Interested students must submit an application via the College’s online engagement platform, The Compass at www.middlesex.mass.edu/2016application by April 30, 2016. It must be accompanied by an uploaded photo and response to the essay question provided. Eligible candidates are interviewed during the summer and selected by a committee and final approval of the Middlesex Community College President and Advisory Board.

Applicants must have completed at least one year at MCC and must be willing to commit to approximately four hours per month for the period of one academic year. Formal class sessions occur every other week and additional time is spent attending community and College events, off-site summits, and other activities deemed appropriate.

Students must be in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA). Completion of IDS 103 or equivalent leadership experience preferred. Applicants should demonstrate maturity, responsibility, and genuine interest in the opportunity.

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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
- John Quincy Adams

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The primary goal of Leadership in Action: The Paul Sullivan Leadership Institute is to prepare participants for a smooth and successful transition into becoming leaders in the workforce and the community. Leadership Institute programming includes intensive, interactive, on-campus workshops, off-site summits and special social and community events, as well as participation in meaningful internships.

The fellows chosen each year will represent the diverse MCC student population. Paul Sullivan wanted the program available to any student willing to be challenged when presented with leadership opportunities. It is a program for students who have a desire to reach outside their “comfort zone” to experience an in-depth knowledge of the skills necessary to be a leader. Institute participants will learn sound leadership principles, display appropriate leadership traits, and commit to the responsibility of community service.

By introducing students to all aspects of the community, the Leadership Institute will help them realize how important it is to go outside the classroom to develop new skills and also to give back their time, knowledge and experience to the community. Program components are facilitated by government, business, and nonprofit organization leaders, as well as by the College.

Upon completion of the program, it is expected that students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively, make decisions, work well with their peers, and make a positive difference in the workplace and community by ethically applying the principles of leadership.

IDS 116 & IDS 216: Leadership in Action General Education Seminar

Prerequisite: successful completion of IDS 103 or equivalent experience

This course supports The Paul Sullivan Leadership Institute’s mission to cultivate future leaders by helping students recognize the impact that leaders have on the community and inspiring each to take action. It is rooted in the social change theory. A select cohort will experience year-long seminars and topics may include communications, social justice, volunteerism, philanthropy, non-profit organizations, networking, proper business presentation, and legislative impact. Students may also have an opportunity to volunteer in the community, work with professional mentors, and attend social, business and community events. This course supports the Written and Oral Communication, Personal and Professional Development, and Social Responsibility Institutional Student Learning Outcomes.

Successful candidates will be expected to enroll both semesters and will receive a letter grade for their completed work. Tuition for the course will be paid for by The Paul Sullivan Foundation.

Application Deadline: End of April

September – May
Alternating Mondays, 2-4 p.m. Lowell Campus

Additional experiences expected beginning as early as August.

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