

Being in the Pinetree Leadership 12 program has helped me recognize how important a role leadership plays in your work and social life, helping me become a better student and friend. All the events I have participated in have succeeded, and the different teams and partnerships I have led have been memorable and triumphant. In general, I have gained many new experiences that I will remember for years to come.

Before being a leadership student, I liked to be in control over the planning of events connected to me and to know how everything was going all the time, so success was achieved, but I now realize that when it comes to events or bigger projects, it is simply impossible and unhealthy to organize every detail. As a point person for the Halloween Events, I couldn't possibly organize the costume contest, watch over the library movie event, and figure out the details for the pumpkin carving event at the same time, so sticking to the pumpkin carving event helped me dedicate more time and thought into how I could most effectively help the event succeed, and it all worked out quite nicely in the end.

During events, I have succeeded in making sure I could always make myself available to lend a hand and be able to complete every task I did to the best of my ability. During the Terry Fox Event, I made myself useful by setting up the tables, drinks, and snacks in preparation for the runners, and disposed of the garbage in the correct places. While the event was running, I used a garbage bag to collect any piece of trash I could see, and near the end made a sweep over the whole rafters' area and field. Orange Shirt Day was my event for that month, but I still wanted to help in some way, so I lent a hand in the preparations and collected all the garbage in the stadium to the best of my ability. However, I did not quite succeed in handing in my assignments on time this semester. I have been challenged with doing Assignment #3 and the midterm portfolio on time because I have not quite adjusted to the workload, I was met with this semester, and this has occasionally put me behind in my studies. I have also discovered that my perfectionistic standards can hold me back from attempting to start an assignment. To fix these two issues I have begun to eliminate certain things from my lifestyle so I can spend more time on the things I truly want to do, and I have developed better mindfulness when it comes to my subconscious tendencies and decisions.

Overall, this first semester in leadership has been very enjoyable, and I am excited to experience and learn more things in the next semester.