

Juggling Junior Year

The junior year of college could be considered the “premiere year” for student leadership and involvement. Some juniors are seasoned veterans, having been involved in campus life previously. And yet others may be just realizing all of the great opportunities available on campus, and are now ready to dive in! Either way, the junior year of college offers numerous ways to enhance your own leadership experience, and that of others.

Preparing to Sell Your Leadership Experience

Resumes are full of facts that help potential employers know what skills and experiences you have had. But what if you could enhance your resume by SHOWING them all that you have accomplished and learned? A leadership portfolio can do just that.

What are Leadership Portfolios Used For?

Interviews, grad school, jobs, volunteer service, leadership showcase

Types of Portfolios

Web—create a website, paper/binder, CD/DVD

Types of Leadership Artifacts to Include

Resume, listing of classes, workshops, trainings, certificates, awards, newspaper articles, evaluations/per-

What is a Leadership Portfolio?

A moveable collection of papers and artifacts that includes tangible objects to support information provided on your resume and offers a reflection on your personal leadership experience.

formance reviews, brochures/designs, pictures, flyers, letters of recommendation, thank you notes, personal reflections, transcripts, and work samples

Leave Your Team Baggage Behind

Bring It

Strategies that worked

New ideas

Energy, Creativity, and Commitment

Openness to learn from each member

Bag It

Memories of things that didn't work

Attitude: “Been there, done that”

Negativity, Hesitation, and Reluctance

Inability to be open to differences

Junior Year Just Dos

Time is flying, so explore new leadership opportunities and experiences this year. Consider doing at least one or two of these “Just Dos”:

- Serve as a mentor to an emerging leader
- Immerse yourself in a different culture through a service project or study abroad
- Job shadow someone in a profession you are exploring
- Explore summer internship possibilities
- Select one program or project you have worked on that you want to take up a notch this year
- Volunteer for a community organization



...why you are involved in the activities you have selected. If you are just working hard to “pad” your resume, you may want to rethink how you are spending your time, and that of others.

Mirror, Mirror...

What do you want the people you work with to say about you as a leader? How would you want your leadership style to be described? When you reflect on your role as a leader, what words come to mind? Do you think they match what others have observed or perceived?