The ABC’s of Student Leadership

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A... Accountability

➢ Willing to take the blame along with the praise.

B... Balance

➢ Student 1st! Maintain balance in life so you represent the best in all situations.

C... Commitment

➢ Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person.

- Albert Einstein
D...Decisions

- Good decision-making skills are priceless. Remember, not making a decision is a decision in itself.

E...Enthusiasm

- A leader must be enthusiastic about his or her job. “Do what you love, love what you do!”

F...Focus

- Leaders are charged with helping others to clearly see the goal of our collective efforts.
G...Gratitude

- Show your committee member and others you work with your gratitude for what they contribute.

H...Honesty

- We must hold ourselves to the highest standards of honesty being first truthful to ourselves as that is the only way that we can be honest with others.

I...Influence

- Leadership doesn’t mean getting people to do their jobs: it means getting people to do their best.
J...Just

- When called upon to make a decision, our judgment will be fair, equitable, and free from bias.

K...Knowledge

- No one expects leaders to know everything, but everyone expects leaders to know who to ask when they don’t have the information.

L...Learning

- Lifelong learning is an important attribute for a leader.
M...Mentor

- Mentoring others is not only a responsibility of leaders, it is a privilege we should seek to fulfill.

N... New

- Never be afraid to try something new, even if the old way isn’t broken. The results might be better than you expected.

O...Organization

- Personal organization and the organization you lead will be reflected in your ability to prioritize and stay on top of your responsibilities.
Leadership does not equal position. Use your position to help you and other grow and develop.

The art of asking question helps us to stay informed. It can also be used to help others to review their thinking.

Be sure to recognize those who have worked hard and achieved great things. Sharing the credit doesn’t diminish you; it demonstrates what a great leader you have become.
As leaders we must be able to see the forest through the trees, understand where we need to be and figure out ways to get us there.

Whether you are a team of 2 or 2000 you are also a cheerleader for your group.

Separated from our followers, we are not whole. It is critical to remember that we need them more than they need us.
**V... Visible**

- Not only should your presence be felt, but also you should be personally present at events.

**W... Work**

- Show that you are willing to do all aspects of the job. Don’t ask others to do things you wouldn’t be willing to do yourself.

**X... eXample**

- If you want people to follow the leader, you must set a proper course. Inspire those you lead.
You are the person that is often ignored while leading others. Take care of yourself so that you can continue to care for others.

Let your passion show, and see if it isn’t contagious!