

What is Emerging Leaders?

Emerging Leaders offers a group of USI freshmen students the opportunity to develop new leadership skills, make new friends, and contribute to their university community. This program focuses on preparing individuals to succeed and contribute to USI as student leaders in subsequent years.

Emerging Leaders will hear from speakers, participate in workshops, learn about leadership opportunities, and participate in other events. Weekly sessions are on Mondays from 3 - 4:30 p.m. during the spring semester.

In addition, participants will attend the program retreat on a Saturday during the spring semester (Date to be announced), and complete leadership and reflection activities to successfully graduate from the program in April.

Who should apply?

Freshmen students who:

- Are committed to getting involved on campus
- Want to meet other first-year students
- Desire to develop their leadership abilities

What to expect?

Involvement includes:

- Attendance at the welcome event and fall social events (Time, date, and locations to be announced)
- Attendance at the spring retreat
- Participation at spring semester meetings Mondays from 3 – 4:30 p.m. starting January 10, 2022
- Complete leadership, team building, and reflection activities
- Participate in the Emerging Leaders Graduation Ceremony in April

What will I gain?

Benefits:

- Meet other first-year students with an interest in leadership
- Receive mentorship from a Program Mentor
- Involvement in campus life
- Introductions to leadership positions on campus
- Development of skills to benefit you personally and professionally
- Network with upper-class student leaders and campus partners
- Ability to enhance your resume

Topics will include:

- Character Development | Campus Involvement | Career Aspirations | Community Engagement

For more information and to apply for Emerging Leaders, please complete the following application by Sunday, September 26: <https://usi.presence.io/form/emerging-leaders-application>. Interviews will occur between September 28 – October 1 and after the application deadline, applicants will be contacted to select an interview time.

Questions? Please contact John Race in New Student and Transitional Programs at 812-465-1088 or jrace@usi.edu.