



# SERVANT LEADERSHIP



COLUMBUS STATE  
UNIVERSITY  
SERVANT LEADERSHIP

# HISTORY

The need for leadership development at Columbus State University gained momentum during the late 1990s. Faculty, staff, the administration and community members, led by William B. Turner, believed servant leadership demanded attention and growth in Columbus. In 1999, Turner and former CSU President Frank Brown merged their leadership visions to create the Servant Leadership Program. Today, the thriving four-year comprehensive program incorporates leadership theory, practice, experiential learning, modeling and mentoring to prepare the next generation of leaders to be service-centered citizens in communities across the globe.



LEADING. SERVING. GROWING.



# VISION

Transforming the world by empowering students and others to lead with a lifelong commitment to service.



Through this program I have become a kinder person, a more honest and driven person, and a servant to doing whatever I can to make my portion of the world a brighter place.

**Travis Hart**  
Class of 2015





## MISSION

Through a widely-recognized community and university collaboration, the Columbus State University Servant Leadership Program provides students with learning experiences that create growing, self-aware, well-balanced, and insightful servant leaders, enriching the community and the world, while serving as a model for others to follow.



Students have an opportunity to study servant leadership in a classroom, in the community and in local businesses, while also learning about themselves, their gifts and talents, and how they can share those with the world.

**Dr. Stuart Rayfield**

Frank Brown Distinguished Chair  
in Servant Leadership

# BUILT TO LEAD

## HOW ARE YOU EQUIPPED?

Academic Classes

Community Service

Mentors (Dialogue Partners)

Retreats & Reflections

Self-Assessment Tools

Senior Project



I think now more than ever, I seek to consistently model servant leadership principles. I have incorporated the concept of servant leadership in my everyday life: in the ways I listen, treat others, and personally act. I simply have a better way of understanding.

**Essence Thomas**  
Class of 2015





# IMPACT

## WHAT WILL YOU GAIN?

Comprehensive understanding of servant leadership

Strong sense of self

Broad network of peers and mentors

Tool kit of life skills

Connection to the community

Confidence in your strengths and ability to change the world





# Academic Classes



My favorite thing about the classes are their diversity. No class is the same; I enjoy constantly being challenged and pushed to develop who I am as a leader.

**Madison Montgomery**  
Class of 2016



Servant Leadership pairs perfectly with a four-year undergraduate degree. Students enroll in one Servant Leadership class per semester for eight semesters.

## **FRESHMAN**

Introduction to Servant Leadership  
The Individual as Servant Leader

## **SOPHOMORE**

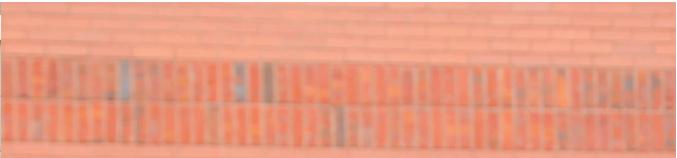
The Language of Leadership  
Leadership & Power

## **JUNIOR**

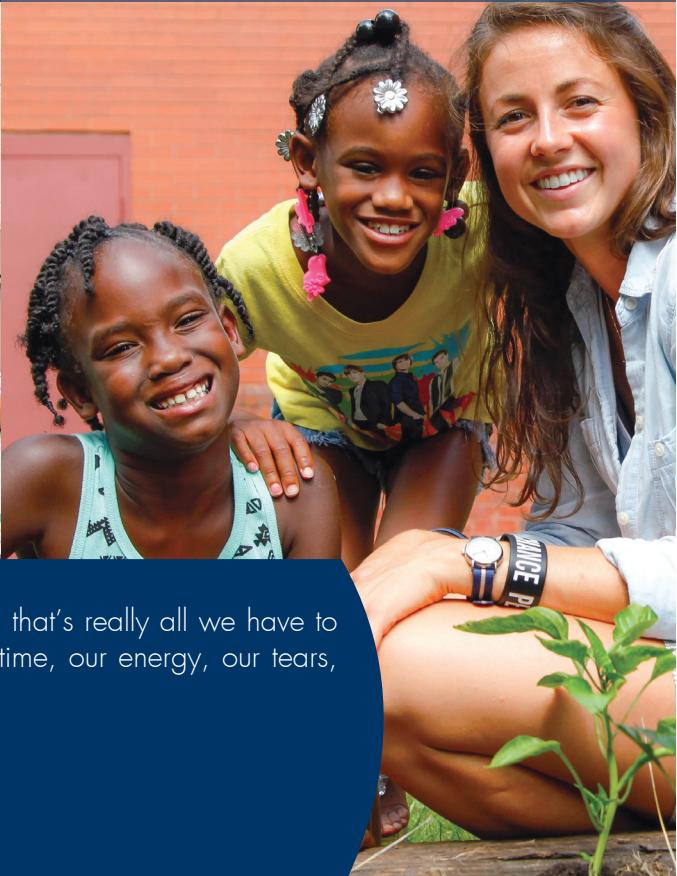
Leadership in Film  
Leadership in Biography

## **SENIOR**

Teaching Assistant  
Senior Project

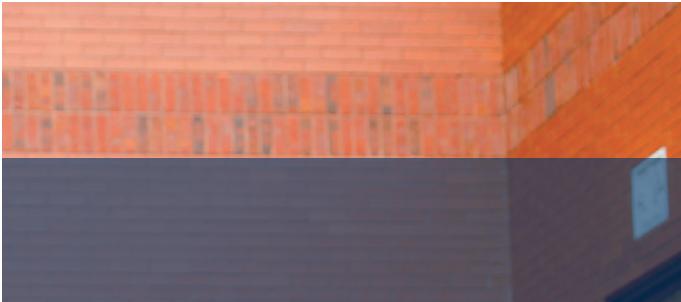


# Community Service



At the end of the day, that's really all we have to offer—ourselves. Our time, our energy, our tears, our service.

Anna Justice  
Class of 2015



Servant Leadership students lead and learn outside of the classroom by volunteering in local agencies who serve our community.

**151,850+**

Hours CSU Servant Leadership Students have served since the program's inception in 1999.





# Mentors & Dialogue



Serving as a dialogue partner afforded me an opportunity to reflect on my leadership styles and objectives. This was a very rewarding experience.

**Dr. Gina Sheeks**  
Columbus State University  
Vice President for Student Affairs

# Partners



Each Servant Leadership student is matched with a community leader, CSU faculty member and senior Servant Leadership student mentor. Through these relationships, our students see servant leadership in practice.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Students have the opportunity to pay it forward and mentor an at-risk child through a school-based mentoring program.



# Reflections & Retreats

## TYPICAL REFLECTIONS & RETREATS

### Freshman Retreat

Three days and two nights of fun at Callaway Gardens for incoming freshmen to get connected and kick off the semester.

### Callaway Gardens Retreat

A one-night, fall retreat offered to all Servant Leadership students for a night of fun and teambuilding.

### Chattahoochee White Water Rafting

### Leadership Conferences

### Holiday Luncheon

### Service Projects

### Coke with Mr. Turner





We believe it is important to provide environments for our students to regroup, reconnect and share experiences. Through reflections and retreats, students have the opportunity to step away from daily chaos, socialize with friends and encourage each other.





# Self-Assessment Tests



Self awareness gives us  
ultimate human freedom.

**Steven Covey**  
*The 7 Habits of Highly  
Effective People*



A fundamental principle of servant leadership is self-awareness. Servant Leadership students participate in self-assessment tests which identify each student's natural gifts, talents and preferences. Students will also learn how to share their unique gifts with the world to affect positive change.



## **SELF-ASSESSMENT TESTS**

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

Emergenetics Profile

StrengthsQuest

Coaching

# How to Apply



ColumbusState.edu/Servant

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## Apply

Download the online application and recommendation forms.

2

## Submit

Send your complete application, essay and 3 letters of recommendation to:

*servantleadership@  
columbusstate.edu or  
Servant Leadership  
Columbus State University  
4225 University Ave.  
Columbus, GA 31907*

\*Due January 31

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## Interview

Meet with a Servant Leadership panel about your application.

\*Late February



## INTERESTED IN APPLYING?

Are you passionate about leadership? Do you have a heart for others? Do you want to change the world? If you are seeking to lead, serve and grow, apply now.

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### Invitation

Receive and respond to your invitation to serve and lead. Congrats!

\*Mid March

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### Lead

Begin your journey as a servant leader.

\*Fall Semester



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