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The Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development (LEAD) Program at Fisk University is a Student Support Services initiative funded by the TRIO Program Office of the U.S. Department of Education. The goal of LEAD is to increase the college retention and baccalaureate graduation rates of its participants. The LEAD program’s staff achieves this goal by creating integrative services that foster growth in the student’s comprehensive and academic well-being.

**What IS THE LEAD PROGRAM?**

Participants take part in a supportive program that includes academic advising, peer mentoring, tutorial support, life skills workshops, cultural enrichment activities, and postgraduate orientation. LEAD provides academic and financial support to 175 students each year who are first generation college attendees, financially challenged or have a disability.

**PROGRAM SERVICES**
- Basic Skills Workshops
- Tutorial Services
- Financial Literacy
- Academic Advising
- Mentoring
- Graduate/Professional School Planning
- Personal Counseling
- Career Planning
- Grant Aid Award

**RETENTION PROGRAM**

**Early Warning Intervention System**

At the beginning of each semester, a list of LEAD participants is given to faculty so that they may inform the program’s staff of any weaknesses that they recognize from student’s exam performances, completion of assignments, or class attendance. This intervention allows LEAD counselors to work with faculty to assist students as soon as problems arise that might be impediments to their academic success.

**Academic Support**

Staff provides ongoing advising to ensure that participants stay on track with academic goals. Participants receive ongoing academic support in time management, study skills development, and problem solving. Staff works with departmental advisors to ensure that participants understand the many options available and the requirements that must be met for graduation.

**CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**

LEAD provides opportunities for students to bridge cultural activities with the academic programs that stimulate intellectual inquiry. This blend of cultural and academic experiences successfully contributes to the program’s approach in the Fisk living and learning environment.

**What LEAD Means to Me!**

“Without the LEAD Program to guide me, my college experience would have been much less academic-based and a lot more leisure-based. So on behalf of other students who may have been positively influenced by the LEAD Program, I would like to say thank you for all that you have done!”

James Williams, Class of 2013

“As a rising junior at Fisk University majoring in Sociology, I consider being a part of the LEAD Program to be a blessing. Although I was admitted to this program my freshman year I never really stopped to realize how beneficial this program is and how much of a big impact it has made of my college experience until now. It is important that students obtain help along with receiving feedback and ways to improve which is what LEAD does for me.”

Lannie Smith, Class of 2014

“Being a part of the LEAD Program has given me several things throughout my freshman year, and has prepared me for the next years of my matriculation. They offer excellent and useful workshops to help students in areas such as academics, internships, self and social awareness, and much more. LEAD has definitely helped with molding me to be a student who can perform exceptionally well not only in my courses, but in life, and I’m only a freshman!”

Ashley Butler, Class of 2015

**Special LEAD Seminars & Workshops**

- Academic Planning: Selecting the Right Major
- Developing Critical and Analytical Skills
- College Survival: Study and Test Taking Strategies
- Writing the Perfect Essay and Research Paper
- Financial Literacy for College Students
- Financial Aid Made Simple
- Research on the Internet: Scholarships and Internships
- Career Planning Conference