

Student Leadership – 1 Page Concept

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Leadership is a critical element to any organization. Student leadership is a very important aspect of any Cru movement.

The model is student led, staff coached and mentored. As a spiritual organization we also highly value godly, servant leadership. This means that as leaders in a Cru movement we need to be people of faith, who walk with God and live out grace and truth. Jesus Christ is our ultimate model for what it means to be a godly leader. And as with everything in the Christian life, the only way this is possible is to live directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

One of the most important responsibilities we have is to align other students and the local ministry to the DNA of Cru, which is winning, building and sending.

The Cru Leadership Model (Search Cru.org for: The Leadership Model) includes the roles and responsibilities of a leader. The roles of a leader include: direction setter, spokesperson, coach and change agent. The responsibilities of a leader include: vision casting, strategy formulation, aligning and motivating. Other important responsibilities include: communication, evaluation, planning, facilitating, empowering, delegating, and serving as campus liaisons.

We highly value ongoing leadership so that means developing the next generation of student leaders. This is spiritual multiplication in leadership.

Leading by example and not just leading from the top is another important part of student leadership. This means participating in winning, building and sending and not just planning and overseeing events. Captains of the team may appear a head taller, but they need to be running shoulder to shoulder with other team members. “We want to be prayerful, personable, passionate, and purposeful with people.” (Bill O’Connor)

Leaders need to fully agree with values and beliefs of the organization they lead. In Cru, that means agreement with the Cru Statement of Faith, filling out a Cru Leadership Application and agreeing with the Cru Charter document. It is very helpful to regularly review the leadership team ministry profile that gives the big picture of Cru leadership.

The local Cru staff want to help develop student leaders by coaching, mentoring and resourcing them. There is an interesting balance of control, power and authority. Staff and students empowered by the Holy Spirit, will walk by faith as spiritual leaders.

Other specifics regarding roles and responsibilities are spelled out in the NMU Servant Team and MTU Shepherd Team Ministry Profiles.