

TEAM MEMBER
APPLICATION

**THE PEER
LEADERSHIP
COUNCIL**



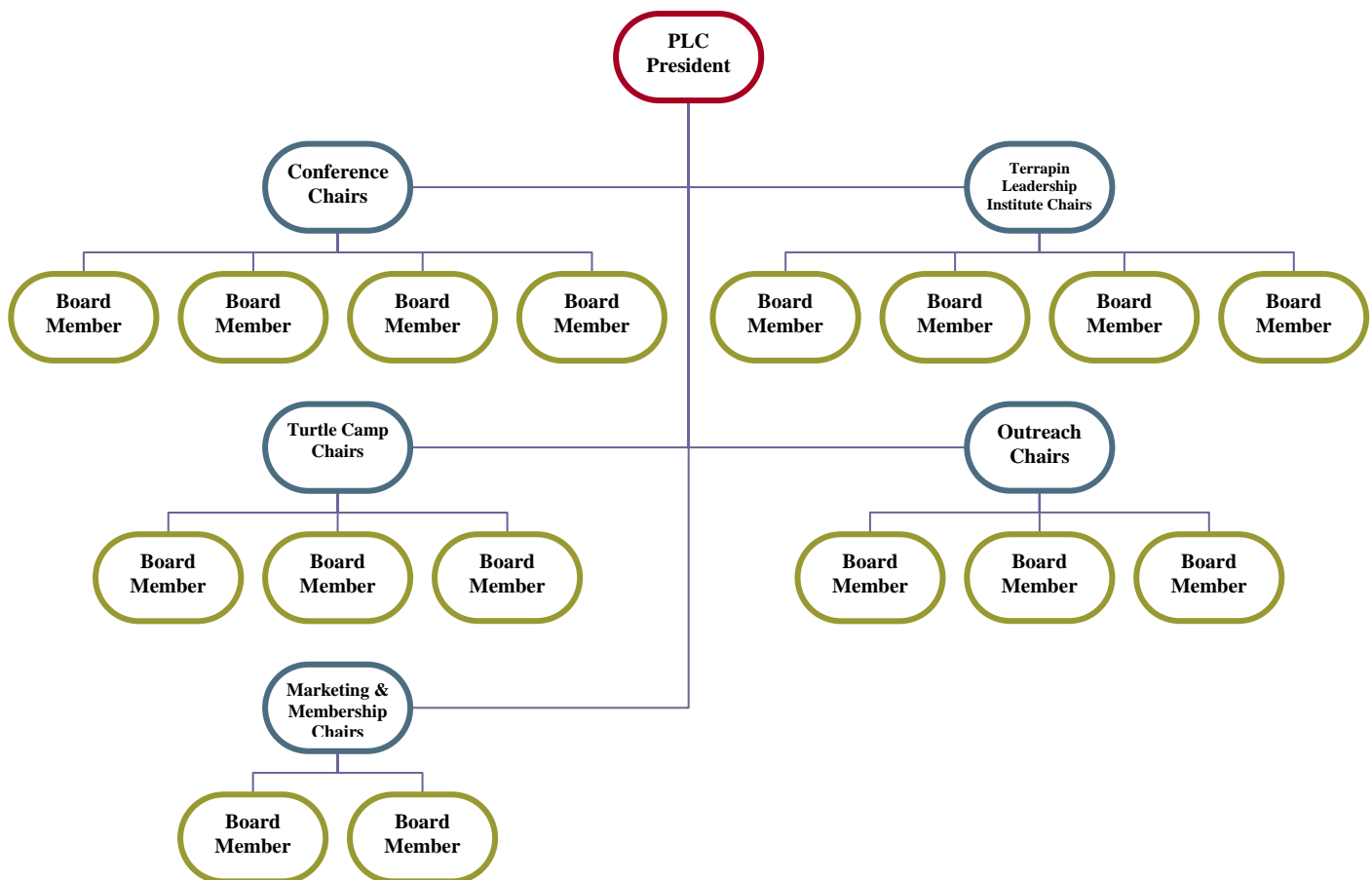
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THE PEER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

WHAT IS PEER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL?

The Peer Leadership Council is a group of student leaders who are devoted to providing leadership training and programs for the University of Maryland community. The mission of the group is to facilitate programs which serve to educate and empower students to realize and use their leadership potential, serve as a networking tool and resource web for student groups and individuals, and to serve as an outlet for members of the PLC to advance their leadership skills through practical application. PLC membership is the logical next step for active student leaders that have participated in Turtle Camp, Terrapin Leadership Institute (TLI), Maryland Leadership Conference (MLC), or the Emerging Leadership Conference (ELC). Individuals with other leadership experience are also welcome to apply. Members are generally in their junior or senior year (although outstanding sophomores are also considered) and have experience in other UMD clubs and organizations. Although there are positions within PLC, the group functions within a relational hierarchy with all members being valued equally and contributing to the overall goals of the organization. PLC is comprised of a president, chairs for all major programs, and board members that work closely with particular events. See the diagram below for a visual representation of all positions:



WHAT DOES PLC DO?

The following are examples of activities and programs for which PLC is responsible:

Terrapin Leadership Institute (TLI) - Each semester PLC facilitates a five-week workshop series that offers students leadership education through skill development and exposure to a multitude of leadership topics. The goal of TLI is to empower students to reach their leadership potential. We offer new and exciting tracks every semester, from “Women’s Leadership” to “TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More” to “Diversity and Leadership.” Every year TLI reaches over 100 students, ranging from freshmen to graduate students, through its various tracks. Chairs in this area organize the overall planning and logistics for each series and serve as the coordinating facilitator for one series each semester. Board Members contribute to the design of content for sessions and serve as facilitators for one series a semester with the chairs.

Turtle Camp – Our first-year leadership development program, Turtle Camp, involves between 30 - 50 freshmen and first-year transfer students who participate in weekly sessions to learn more on a variety of leadership topics. This group hears speakers, participates in a variety of campus programs, and designs and implements a special project in the spring. Turtle Camp also serves as an orientation to leadership at Maryland and teaches students about the university’s history, traditions, and organization structures for students groups. The Turtle Camp Chairs coordinate logistics and content for sessions, while the Board Members assist with facilitation and content design.

Conferences - Each year the PLC offers two conference opportunities open to all University of Maryland students: the Maryland Leadership Conference (MLC), a weekend retreat for student leaders in the Fall, and the Emerging Leaders Conference (ELC), a one-day event in the Spring designed for first- and second-year students who are interested in leadership. Together, the conferences reach almost 150 students of all majors from freshmen to graduate students. Chairs in this area plan the overall logistics for both events, while Board Members help with the design of content and facilitation.

Outreach – All of the members of PLC are asked to serve as consultants to various student organizations, campus departments, and residence halls to give workshops, formal presentations, and adventure training. Outreach allows PLC members to unite the leadership community at UMD by creating bridges to all groups. Outreach also provides additional activities not associated with our other programs, such as outdoor adventure trips for upperclassmen, community service opportunities, and co-sponsorship of other leadership-related events. Chairs manage tasks associated with planning this diverse array of events. Board Members assist in the planning process and are typically assigned to work on programs that most connect with their own interests.

Marketing & Membership- This area of PLC provides assistance in coordinating marketing efforts for all of the above programs. This includes creating marketing plans, designing flyers and brochures, working with professional designers on promotional materials, and generally getting the word out about events. They also coordinate the membership application process and on-going social events for all members of the PLC.

Chairs coordinate logistics relating to this area with assistance provided by Board Members.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Some characteristics of a PLC member include a positive attitude, creativity, experience with facilitation or a desire to learn about facilitation, the ability to work well in groups, flexibility and comfort with change, a sense of adventure and willingness to try new things, the ability to think quickly, organization and time management skills, previous leadership experience, a desire to help others learn, and the ability to commit to being an active member.

REQUIREMENTS:

- A minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
- A minimum of sophomore status for the academic year 2006-2007
- Five hour per week time commitment
- Attendance at the PLC retreats held at the beginning of each semester
- Attendance at weekly PLC meetings, held on **Tuesdays at 7pm**
- Attendance at regular programming meetings and one-on-ones
- Participation in a PLC training series in the Spring (this will occur during the regular meeting time)
- Previous leadership experience (e.g., student organizations, sports, work teams, PLC programs, etc.)
- Preference is given to students who have participated in previous PLC programs

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Fill out and return the application packet. Materials can be dropped off at the Office of Campus Programs reception desk in the Stamp Student Union or emailed to Heather Walczak at hwalczak@umd.edu. Applications must be returned by Friday, February 17th, 2006.
- Attend a 30 minute interview during the week of February 27th. Interview times will be made available at the OCP reception desk. Please be sure to sign-up when you turn in your application.
- Choose a Group Process session to attend (in the Student Involvement Suite Conference Rooms)
 - Monday, February 20th 3:00 - 4:15
 - Wednesday, February 22nd 5:00 – 6:15
 - Thursday, February 23rd Noon – 1:15

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Other Phone #: _____

Email: _____ Student ID #: _____

Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ Class Standing: _____

I plan to attend the following Group Process Session (check one box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday, February 20 th | 3:00 - 4:15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday, February 22 nd | 5:00 – 6:15 |
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For which positions are you applying (check all boxes that apply):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> TLI Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TLI Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turtle Camp Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Board Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turtle Camp Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Membership Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conferences Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Membership Board Member |

UMD LEADERSHIP RESUME

Please list organizations, jobs, and activities in which you are, or have been, involved.

- Briefly describe your level of participation and how you have demonstrated leadership abilities in each organization, job, or activity
- List any experiences/ participation with PLC programs
- List any other leadership training you have had outside of PLC
- List honors and recognitions you have received

Please also answer the following question: What are your time commitments for the upcoming year? How do you envision incorporating the five hours per week time commitment that the PLC requires into your schedule?

Letter of reference: Please ask an individual who has worked with you or seen you demonstrate a capacity for leadership to complete the attached letter of reference. Acceptable examples include: faculty, staff, supervisors, community service organizers, coaches, etc. The reference should be able to describe your leadership abilities. References must use the form provided and may give it back to you to submit or send it in on their own per the instructions provided.

The information submitted for this PLC application, to the best of my knowledge, is true and accurate. By signing below, I give the PLC permission to verify the above information.

Signature

Date

All applications must be returned by **Noon on Friday, February 17th**. Any questions can be referred to Heather Walczak at hwalczak@umd.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PEER LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REFERENCE FORM

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, this applicant will have access to the information provided below unless he/she has waived such access:

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

I hereby waive my right of access to the material recorded below

I DO NOT waive my right of access to the material recorded below

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

To the reference: The University of Maryland seeks mature, compassionate, and committed students to be Peer Leadership Council Members. The Applicant named above has chosen you to let us know more about him/her and why we should consider him/her in the selection process. Please feel free to omit any questions that you do not feel qualified to answer. Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink. Feel free to attach additional pages if necessary.

Please return this reference form to the Applicant or to the Office of Campus Programs by Friday, February 17, 2006 at 5:00 pm. You may also fax the documents to John Dugan at (301) 314 – 9634. Thank you for your candid comments!

1. How long have you known the Applicant? In what capacity?

2. Please evaluate the Applicant's ability to work with others. What qualities help or hinder the Applicant?

3. What are the Applicant's strengths?

4. In what areas do you think the Applicant needs to grow?

5. Please describe the Applicant's leadership skills.

Please check the box that you feel best describes the Applicant:

CHARACTERISTICS	Very High	High	Average	Low	Very Low
Ability to Conceptualize					
Creativity/Innovation					
Risk-taking					
Visioning					
Coordinating					
Decision-Making					
Leadership					
Managing Conflict					
Planning and Organizing					
Interpersonal Skills					
Listening Skills					
Oral Communication					
Written Communication					
Time Management					
Problem Solving					
Facilitation Skills					

Additional Comments:

Overall, how would you rate the Applicant?

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 ___ Exceptional, a rare find | 4 ___ Recommend, no strong feelings |
| 2 ___ Very good, no reservations at all | 5 ___ May be okay-some reservations |
| 3 ___ Good, better than many | 6 ___ Weak, should be discouraged |

Name (print): _____

Date: _____

Occupation/Position: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____