

Service Leadership Prepares Today's Students to Succeed

(StatePoint) – Students are more successful when they practice leadership outside of the classroom. A recent survey conducted by Harris Poll found that 91 percent of respondents agreed with this statement.

This survey was conducted on behalf of Lead2Feed, a free student leadership program attracting more than a million students and over 6,000 educators across all 50 states.

There's already real-world evidence supporting the survey data's sentiment. Participants in Lead2Feed thought critically about their role in their communities, and say they gained the following benefits:

Engaged Teachers

The Lead2Feed Student Leadership Program takes students through the steps to design and implement an effective, relevant service project. Teachers and advisers can enter their student teams into the Lead2Feed Challenge, where they can win grants for their school and charity.

When teachers participate alongside students, the entire classroom is given an opportunity to transform their way of thinking.

"What I realized was that the leadership principles I was trying to teach my students had actually begun to transform me as well," says Allison Silverman, a teacher at Port Chester Middle School where students have earned more than \$50,000 for charity and more than \$15,000 in technology grants for their school over the six years they've been involved in the program. "I gained renewed confidence in my work and in my profession," Silverman said.

Relevant Lessons

Classroom learning can often feel theoretical. When students lead their own community service projects, they have an opportunity to directly engage with real-world issues that have received national attention. Students at Miami's Design and Architecture Senior High (DASH, one of

the winners of the Lead2Feed Challenge), sought to address the issue of mental health that has consumed the nation's psych through a project called "No More Stalling." They created signs for school bathroom stalls with hotlines for tough issues students may be facing.

"The class of 2021 was transformed into problem solvers and they emerged with a vision," says DASH teacher Zudannie Nuñez-Hernandez.



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Modern Skills

Working with fellow students to complete a project develops critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills, fostering the necessary attributes for students to become leaders within their classrooms and greater communities.

Before completing the Lead2Feed program, only 27 percent of participating students felt that they could work well with others, only 18 percent believed they could develop effective solutions to problems, and only 16 percent felt they could

communicate clearly and concisely with their peers. After completing the program, these numbers rose to 55 percent, 49 percent and 48 percent respectively.

"Feeding young minds and local community groups in need are all part of this leadership program where students use 21st century skills, literacy skills and service learning to refine their leadership skills and to benefit local nonprofits," says Diane Barrett, executive director of Lead2Feed's presenting foundation, The Foundation for Impact on Literacy and Learning.

To learn more, or become part of the Lead2Feed network, visit lead2feed.org.

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STREAM

This September, each student from grades one through eight will have new trapezoidal, ergonomic desks in their classrooms that can be arranged into multiple configurations to promote collaborative learning activities and enhance STREAM and conventional lessons.

Each student from kindergarten through grade eight has access to the school's premier STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering,

Math) Lab. Made possible through an Embassy Grant, the lab will feature electric wiring beneath a granite tile floor, Chromebooks, a flat-screen TV, a SMART Wall, science equipment, software, cooperative learning tables and many other technological resources.

Programs and Offerings

Additional offerings include Pre-K for All; Samsung tablets in grades seven and eight; Apple iPads for first and second grades; SMART Boards; Title I and SETTS services; ELL; Speech; Spanish in grades four through eight; Renowned Gospel Choir and before- and after-school programs.

SS. Joachim and Anne incorporates the Catholic Common Core initiative with 21st-century learning through rigor, relevance, creativity and intensity.

Each child develops his or her own maximum potential necessary to become a valuable contributor in society with an ultimate goal to love God above all and our neighbors as ourselves.

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