

**PASSHE Women's Consortium
29th Annual
Undergraduate Women's Leadership Institute**

Express Yourself! Creative Leadership and Activism



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Sunday June 4 to Thursday June 8, 2017

**McKeever Environmental Learning Center
Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania**

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Leadership Institute for Undergraduate Women provides a forum for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to nurture the leadership potential of women students. It creates an experience that empowers women as leaders, challenges women to realize their full potential as leaders, and connects women with other women who are committed to social change.

GOALS

- ◆ Develop and strengthen women's leadership skills, creativity, and respect for diversity;
- ◆ Establish a network of women throughout the PASSHE and promote existing networks of women at each of the fourteen universities;
- ◆ Encourage mentoring relationships among women in the PASSHE;
- ◆ Provide for informal learning opportunities for students to interact with faculty members, staff, and administrators;
- ◆ Expand their understanding of women's issues and the potential for women's leadership;
- ◆ Help students develop campus projects to practice skills learned at the Institute under the direction of a mentor on their campus.

FORMAT

Instructional sessions are conducted by talented women who contribute not only to the content of learning activities, but also serve as role models and potential mentors. All sessions are interactive, requiring participants to engage in discussions, role plays, and simulations. Students meet in small groups to process and apply information as well as learn from each others' experiences.

Guest speakers, outdoor recreation, and team building exercises also create multiple learning opportunities. Additionally, literature, music, and videos about women and women's issues are available on site.

STUDENT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Universities determine their own criteria for selecting students. **Universities are strongly encouraged to select applicants who exhibit the *potential* for leadership**, rather than those female undergraduates who already possess the requisite leadership skills to positively affect their campuses and communities. When each university has **forwarded the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of student participants to the Consortium**, students will be contacted to provide additional information.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

After being selected to participate in the Institute, students are expected to complete all participant registration forms and releases. These forms and releases indicate the student's understanding that she will make and pay for travel arrangements to and from the Institute and will stay at McKeever for the duration of the Institute. Participants also agree to adhere to all rules and regulations of McKeever, including no consumption or furnishing of alcohol or other drugs. **Violation of any regulation may result in immediate dismissal of the participant from the Institute and eviction from the McKeever property.**

Participants are expected to read the materials provided before attending the Institute and be active participants in discussions. Upon returning to their universities for the 2016-2017 Academic Year, participants are expected to report back to their campus contacts and organize a project that enriches the climate for women on their campus. Participants are expected to provide a final written report to the PASSHE Women's Consortium about the success of their project.

COSTS

Student participant costs include lodging, meals, and educational materials. **Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the Institute, as well as personal expenses incurred during the week.** The cost per student is \$500.

LOCATION

McKeever Environmental Learning Center
55 McKeever Lane, Sandy Lake, PA 16145
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E-mail: info@mckeeper.org; Website: www.mckeeper.org

The McKeever Environmental Learning Center is located in a natural wooded setting about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh near Sandy Lake, Mercer County. McKeever's facilities are surrounded by 205 acres of hardwood forest with streams, meadows, and hemlock ravines. Please refer to the website for more detailed information and directions.

SPONSORS OF THE INSTITUTE

- ◆ The PASSHE Women's Consortium
- ◆ University Vice Presidents for Student Affairs or similar offices
- ◆ President's Commissions on the Status of Women
- ◆ Local Women's Consortia

