



**PASSHE Women's Consortium
30th Annual
Undergraduate Women's Leadership Institute**

**Self, Community, Environment and the World: Creative Leadership
and Activism**

Join us at our new location on Sunday, June 3 to Thursday, June 7, 2018

**Mount Asbury Retreat Center
1310 Centerville Rd, Newville, PA 17241**

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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, presents successful models of leadership through dialogue and collaboration, 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 collaborative skills, and 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 the practical understanding of women's issues and the potential for women's leadership in society;
- ◆ 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 from the PASSHE system 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 other's 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 SELECTION AND 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.

The consortium encourages each campus to send two students to the institute; depending on space and availability, we are happy to accommodate more participants. We request that the selection

process on your campuses identify two selected participants and two alternate participants, should the winners be unable to attend the institute for any reason.

We also request that campus selection process concretely ask for and identify the transportation requirements to and from Mount Asbury Retreat Center for your selected participants. Travel is the responsibility of the participants.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Since we have had to move from the state system to a new location with corporate policies, campuses canceling their student attendance at the institute after May 1st will be required to pay a cancelation fee of 650 dollars (the full institute fees). The PASSHE Women's Consortium is contracted with Mount Asbury for the duration of the institute based on the information you provide us. Breaking the contract with the retreat center results in penalties for the consortium.

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 Mount Asbury Retreat Center for the duration of the Institute. Participants also agree to adhere to all rules and regulations of Mount Asbury, 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 Mount Asbury Retreat Center at their own expense. Any judicial or legal charges brought by Mount Asbury Retreat Center because of policy violation will be directed to the students and not the PASSHE Women's Consortium.**

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 2018-2019 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 \$650.

LOCATION

Mount Asbury Retreat Center
1310 Centerville Rd, Newville, PA 17241
Phone: (717) 486-3827

E-mail: mountasbury@susumc.org; Website: <http://mountasbury.org/>

The Mount Asbury Retreat Center is located 30 miles south of Harrisburg, PA and only 3.5 miles from Interstate 81. The 114-acre site is in a rural area and only 5 miles from the halfway point on the Appalachian Trail. The facilities feature modern amenities in a pristine rural setting. There is wifi and internet available in all the buildings including the dorms.

SPONSORS OF THE INSTITUTE

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

