

PRESIDENTS LEADERSHIP CLASS

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER



The Presidents Leadership Class (PLC), develops extraordinary, ethical leaders for the betterment of individuals and society by promoting a broad, inclusive approach to leadership, fostering excellence in our exclusive academic competencies, delivering pioneering curriculum and experiential learning, leveraging the advantages of the university and the state of Colorado, and supporting our students with mentors, community, alumni, and financial resources.



Our four-year program includes five academic courses that will challenge your abilities, your perspectives, and your leadership development. PLC also includes unique experiential learning components that will allow you to connect with your PLC peers, discover leadership challenges in Colorado, explore your own interests outside of the classroom, approach leadership positions with intentionality and a learner's mindset, and will prepare you for a professional career through skill development and community networking.



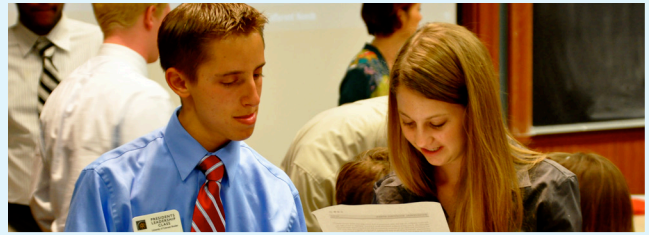
THIS IS PLC

Each year, 50-60 of the University of Colorado Boulder's incoming students are selected to be Presidents Leadership Class scholars. These students receive four years of rigorous academic and experiential leadership education and development, fostering both intellectual, personal, and professional growth. The PLC academic path leads to a Leadership Studies Minor while the experience gained on and off campus prepares PLC students to launch successfully into the professional arena upon graduation.

THE PLC ADVANTAGE

At PLC we realize the world needs extraordinary leaders equipped with the skills, mindsets, and ethics to invest the necessary commitment to meet the current and coming needs of their professions and of our communities. Therefore, we strive to graduate students who:

- *Are outstanding in their field of academic study.*
- *Know when and how to act professionally, and are ready to start a career in any field when they leave the university.*
- *Can think critically about complex issues, and imagine practical and sustainable solutions.*
- *Can research topics, analyze information, and synthesize uniquely, individual opinions.*
- *Are not afraid to be creative in approaching problems and when coming up with solutions either on their own or in a group of peers.*
- *Will daringly implement ideas with a willingness to fail, revise, and try again until a sustainable solution becomes evident.*
- *Will act with integrity for themselves, the program, and in their community at all times.*
- *Demonstrate a strong ethical foundation from which their decisions are made.*
- *Cherish a strong community made up of talented and motivated individuals.*
- *Inspire one another to push boundaries and take chances to make real change in the world.*



Tuesday Night Lecture 2010

WHAT TO EXPECT

CLASS

There are four PLC courses, designed sequentially, that address a widening focus on leadership starting with individual ethics and ending with leadership issues on a global scale. Students complete their academic leadership development with the university's Leadership Studies Minor capstone course.

COMMUNITY

In PLC you are part of a tight-knit family of highly driven peers supported by a dedicated staff offering you individualized support throughout your undergraduate experience. This community provides guidance and reinforcement with everything from your academics to campus life, and from balancing your semester schedules to managing your school/work/life balance.

SCHOLARSHIP

You will receive a \$1000 merit scholarship your freshmen year only. Starting your sophomore year you are eligible to apply for and receive many other scholarships exclusive to PLC students that can help relieve some of the financial burden of your cost of attendance.

EXPERIENCE

The most important leadership lessons you will learn in your time with PLC will be through your experiential education endeavors. You will have the opportunity to practice leadership both on and off campus. At PLC, we recognize that the best way for you to learn how to lead and how to follow is by experiencing both.



Thursday Recitation Group



Orientation 2010 Group Picture

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE AND PLC

PLC defines **INCLUSIVENESS** through the lens of leadership and leadership development; and to that end, focuses on relationships. If PLC subscribes to a leadership model, it is the Relational Leadership Model, a human-centered methodology that is inclusive of people and diverse points of view, that empowers those involved, is highly ethical, and that is premised on the belief that any individual can make a meaningful contribution to their community.

PLC defines **EXCELLENCE** as the process of achieving goals in a manner consistent with our individual and community values, expectations and standards. Excellence is practiced by individuals - faculty, staff, and students - as well as by the collective. Attaining excellence begins with an individual's will to do so, but that individual absolutely requires the active support of the program to provide an environment where excellence is expected and nurtured.

PLC defines **INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE** through our people. The people we recruit, select, retain, develop, and in the case of students, graduate. Inclusive, empowering, purposeful, and ethical, the relational leadership model PLC practices as a unit and models for its students offers individualized support for PLC students, is dedicated to student success, and is measured by the success of each and every graduate and the impact they make in the real-world.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN APPLICANTS

Each student in the program differs in leadership potential, academic interests, extracurricular passions, and character. Our selection process is neither solely based on GPAs and test scores, nor charisma, showmanship, or high school leadership titles. Rather, we look for students who are willing to grow, personally and academically, and are dedicated to the shaping of their own leadership style. We search for students who genuinely want to participate and contribute to the program as a part of their experience at the university. Below are just a few of the variables that we consider when evaluating applications:

Academic Ability - We want to make sure you are able to handle the rigor of our program and that we are not setting you up to do poorly in our academic requirements. Your GPA and test scores will help us determine your academic strength. These numbers neither make nor break your chances, however, they will be considered.

Writing Skills - Our program is very writing intensive. You do not have to be a great writer upon applying for the program, but good writing skills and usage of college-level vocabulary and grammar is preferred. The program will turn you into an effective writer if you are willing to put hard work into the process.

Diversity - We strive to build a well-rounded cohort with diversity from many different areas: thought, perspective, life experience, career goals, academic interest, extracurricular activities, service work, geographical origin, gender identification, race, religion, socio-economic background, motivations and inspirations, political affiliation, etc.

Depth of Involvement - We look for evidence of your commitment to the interests that you have made a priority in your life. We want students who contribute to their chosen activities through increased, continued participation and longevity of membership.

PLC APPLICATION CALENDAR 2017-2018

AUG-SEPT - Look at the PLC website to learn more about the program: www.colorado.edu/plc

OCTOBER 1 - Application opens in the Financial Aid section of your CU Boulder application portal

NOVEMBER 28 - Taste of PLC - Lecture and Information Event - Wolf Law Building, Wittemyer Courtroom

FEBRUARY 15 - All CU Boulder scholarship applications are due - including PLC - **click finish & submit**

MARCH 13 and 15 - In-person selection interviews - CU Boulder, University Memorial Center (UMC)

APRIL 1 - Notification of selection status by email

APRIL 7 - Be A PLCer - PLC Reception for accepted students / Admitted Students Day - CBIS Norlin Library

MAY 1 - Acceptance of PLC invitation deadline

HOW TO APPLY TO PLC

- You must begin your CU Boulder application to have access to the PLC application through the CU Boulder General Scholarship Application.
- Access the General Scholarship Application through the Financial Aid section of your CU Boulder application portal.
- Complete the General Scholarship Application to then access "Opportunities." Find the Presidents Leadership Class (PLC) application under the "Opportunities" menu.
- Complete each part of the PLC application. There are short questions, essays, and a file upload component that you will complete on your own.
- Provide the email address of your high school counselor who will provide a school profile and your chosen academic path while attending. Remind him/her to complete this section by February 1st.
- Provide the email address of a teacher/coach/advisor, etc. Choose a person who knows your leadership ability and future potential to provide a recommendation. Remind him/her to complete this section by February 1st.
- The PLC application is due February 15th. Late and partial applications will not be considered for review.



Agriculture Experiential Weekend



Education Experiential Weekend



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