



First-Year Experience: *Emerging Leaders Conference*

From the start of your first year at Jewell, you are invited to explore the nature and practice of leadership through the Emerging Leaders Conference.

During the spring semester, the Conference identifies first-year students with demonstrated leadership skills. During an intensive weekend retreat, you examine your leadership style,

talents and experiences, resulting in new insights into personal approaches to leadership.

The Conference offers a series of seminars conducted by Jewell faculty members, administrators and students. You complete a reflective essay on your personal leadership role model.

Later in the year, the Conference hosts an honors banquet for family and friends to celebrate the Emerging Leaders and recognize the best essay on a leadership role model. The Emerging Leaders, as a group, also create and implement a service project to emphasize the importance of servant leadership.

Student Quotes from the 2005 ELC class:

"I always thought of a good leader as someone who took control. Now I know there are leaders who are capable of listening and following others." -*Seth Arnold*

"I learned that a good leader is one who brings out the best in those around them. A leader must be a servant." -*Julie Duncan*

"I found out through this program that morals are the most important aspect of leadership. Without morals you can have no direction." -*James Reynolds*

"I learned that there are many different types of leaders who work better in different situations than others. I learned that there are times to step up as a leader and times to step down. I met many great people who I know I can depend on in my later leadership experiences." -*Jessica Nichols*

"I've learned that leadership requires sacrifice. You must be able to step aside and do what's best for the common good."

"I've learned to step back. Everyone in your group has a little leader in them and they might just need your help to find it." -*Ally Fry*

"When given a simple task—don't just go for it—think outside of the box—get new and improved ideas to fulfill the task. Think of every possible way before making your choice." -*Becky Stroup*

