**Leadership Walton** was launched in fall 2007, and this new developmental program is offered by the Sam M. Walton College of Business Career Center, in partnership with the Undergraduate Programs Office. 156 Walton College students are currently participating in the program, and an additional 200 students are expected to be added each academic year.

### Who are Leadership Walton Students?

All Walton College undergraduate students are able to apply for the program. Freshmen make up the majority of the program at 56% of the students. Finance and marketing are the two largest majors represented by the inaugural class of Leadership Walton students.

When students submit an application for the program, they are asked to describe themselves in one word. The most common responses this year include: motivated, determined, ambitious and driven; while the more unique responses range from granite and steadfast, to effervescent.

This diverse and eager group of students has already brought an array of experiences to the program through individual and group community service projects, academic participation and on-campus involvement.

### Student participation in Leadership Walton

Leadership Walton students are required to complete 41 components, or requirements, for the program. These components are broken down into three categories: academics, leadership, and career path management. Examples of the requirements include: attending academic lectures, completing community service projects, attending career fairs and participating in career training sessions.

This semester, Leadership Walton students attended over 100 lectures (outside of their traditional academic programs) and completed over 45 volunteer projects. Lectures attended include: IT Executive Forum; Women Empowering Women Networking Event; Transportation and Logistics Panel of Professionals; Freedom of Speech and the Media; Service, Disney Style; Stories of Successful Entrepreneurs; and Language, Diversity, and Literacy. Students volunteered for the following organizations: Bikes, Blues, and BBQ; Friday Night Live; Habitat for Humanity; Race for the Cure; and the Fayetteville Animal Shelter. Students also completed projects for Make a Difference Day, local elementary schools, SIFE and many other student organizations.

**LW Student Highlight**

*These students completed the most Leadership Walton components in the fall 2007 semester.*

**MONICA PARRISH**

Major: Marketing  
Hometown: Flower Mound, TX  
Why she is in the program: “Leadership Walton is a great way to help develop a plan on how to graduate as a well-rounded student. The requirements of the program are prestigious, and fulfilling those requirements is a truly rewarding experience.”

**LAUREN SMITH**

Major: Marketing  
Hometown: Texarkana, TX  
Why she is in the program: “I wanted to be a part of Leadership Walton to get more involved with the volunteer aspect and gain useful knowledge and tips that will help me with my job search and future job.”

**Mission**

The mission of Leadership Walton is to offer a unique blend of academic, leadership and career development opportunities specifically designed to guide the student toward lifelong professional success.
Social & Dining Etiquette
Social and Dining Etiquette Training is one requirement for Leadership Walton students. The event consists of a professional image consultant conducting an hour training session on social and dining etiquette. After training, students practice their networking skills with local employers and fellow students during a three course dinner. 35 Leadership Walton students attended the fall and spring sessions.

Congratulations to the 2007 Leadership Walton Students:

Lauren Ahlers  Rachel Duncan  William Klein  Adam Roos  
Lindsay Amos  Maurice Elliott  Matthew Krieger  Sydney Ross  
Christopher Arnold  Tiffani Escalanta  Lunch Lawrence  Andrea Rue  
Geoffrey Aultz  Kathleen Eustice  Jessica Lawrence  JT Samford  
Amanda Banwarth  Thomas Fitzgerald  Clint Linder  Katie Sanders  
Caroline Beavers  Lance Flynt  Brian Lofton  Grace Santamaria  
John Bell  Carrie Forrester  Cameron Lorenzo  Weston Schack  
Richard Bellamy  Samantha Francis  Justin Loura  Brad Secrist  
Jason Biggs  Megan Franklin  Adam Mangini  Megan Shea  
Jody Bland  Tanner Freeman  David Manke  Toler Shepherd  
Kailee Boudreaux  Jordan Frevert  Emily Maxey  Adam Shock  
Emily Burrow  Ashley Funk  Michael McCaín  Raymond Simmons  
Nick Cannella  JP Gavin  Katie McClellan  Lauren Smith  
Kolten Carpenter  Sarah Gavin  Suzannah McCord  Alexandria Sorrell  
Christopher Carr  Bryan Gibson  Shelly McCraw  Meagan Stellflug  
Emmett Casey  Donylee Gleaves  Kysha McNeal  William Stone  
Ketan Chawla  Paige Gray  Gregory Meyers  Jeff Stotts  
Anna Cho  Dan Quintanilla  Kevin Miquelon  Melissa Tatman  
Tanvi Chowdhary  Margueritte Griffith  Christopher Moon  Heather Terlesky  
Cheyenne Christesson  Eve Gruettzemacher  Nicole Nichols  Grant Terry  
Katelyn Clark  Patrick Halligan  Brent Norniella  Ben Thomas  
Katherine Cloud  Adam Hammond  Bryce Norniella  Elizabeth Thurman  
Amber Collins  Jane Hanna  Casey Nowell  Jordan Toft  
Kelly Comer  Blake Hanson  Tahiya Nuzhat  Jessica Turk  
Benjamin Coulter  Brian Harris  Monica Parrish  Auntalaya Turner  
Ranesha Critton  Yuki Hatano  Tyler Parson  Reid Veach  
Drew Cunningham  Tori High  Johnathan Parsons  Lucas Vinze  
Kenneth Curry  Blair Hill  Luke Parsons  Sabrina Wade  
Lee Curry  Lana Hong  Jiger Patel  Adam Webber  
Mallory Danahy  Ryan Hunning  Nicholas Pavey  Benjamin Wells  
Lauren Dech  Jeri Hurst  Laura Perez  Sarah Wells  
Sarah Diaz  Robert Ivers  Chase Phillips  Michael Whitfield  
Maggie Dietrich  Deborah Johnson  Heather Phillips  Amber Widdowson  
Erin Dillon  Sean Keller  McKensie Piepho  Stephanie Williams  
Christina Dixon  Thomas Kennedy  Claire Purdy  Desiree Williams  
Shahir Drei  Garrett King  Bryan Redd  Amy Yealy  
Elise Dudley  Adam Kinney  Katherine Rhoades  Jenella Young  
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Animal Shelter Treat & Toy Drive
In fall 2007, the Walton Career Center initiated a “Treat and Toy” drive for the Fayetteville Animal Shelter. Nine Leadership Walton students volunteered to organize and manage this project. The group collected over 100 pounds of treats and over 50 toys, as well as many other necessities for the shelter. Cintas Corporation, in Springdale, AR, also participated in this project and donated hundreds of towels and hand wipes. This project was featured on the local news and in the student newspaper. Donations were delivered in December 2007.