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Leadership Walton is a developmental program managed by the Sam M. Walton College of Business Career Center that offers a unique blend of academic, leadership and career development opportunities specifically designed to guide students toward lifelong professional success.

The purpose of the program is to provide Walton College students with a defined progression of professional development requirements as an enhancement to their educational experience.

There are currently 446 students participating in Leadership Walton, 211 of whom began the program in the fall of 2010.

- Total Enrollment: 446
- May 2011 Graduates: 57
- Lectures Attended: 1855+
- Volunteer Projects completed: 950+
**GLOBAL PASSPORT PROGRAM**

Summer 2011 will be the first opportunity for Walton College student to participate in the Heifer International Global Passport program. The program provides undergraduate and graduate business students with the opportunity to learn about Heifer International’s initiatives to end world hunger through a combination of interactive educational and service-oriented learning programs. The Global Passport experience will examine the issues surrounding hunger and poverty. Students will develop solutions that involve practical business applications and sustainable elements to address global challenges. Fifteen Walton College students (Leadership Walton members and Walton College graduate students) have been selected to participate in the first offering of this program scheduled for August 8-12 in Perryville, Arkansas, generously supported by the Dean’s Office.

**BEIJING, CHINA INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

This summer will be the first time the Walton College Career Center has partnered with CRCC Asia to offer two Walton College students the opportunity to work in Beijing China. Interns will work in China and become immersed in its culture, history and business world. The program is a one month internship open to Walton College master’s students and Leadership Walton members and is generously supported by the Walton College Global Engagement Office. Two Leadership Walton students were selected to participate in the summer 2011 program:

- **Kristen Howell**, sophomore accounting major, will intern at Tancheng Taxation Agents.
- **Joseph VanMatre**, senior international business major with economics focus, will intern at the Center for China and Globalization.

**DANNON TRUST CHALLENGE**

In January 2011, four U of A teams were selected to compete in the Dannon TRUST Challenge in White Plains, New York. The four teams consisted of three Walton College MBA students and 16 Leadership Walton members. A total of 20 teams from across the United States competed and six groups, including one U of A team (Team Razorbacks), advanced to the National Finals in March.

Team Razorbacks placed second at the National Finals of the Dannon TRUST Challenge on March 11 in White Plains. The team included team leader and MBA student, Alex Kieslich, and four Leadership Walton students: Brianna Turner, Grace Santi, Ryan Moshtagh and Thomas Davis.

**HOW DO STUDENTS JOIN LEADERSHIP WALTON?**

We are currently accepting applications for the next group of Leadership Walton members. Interested students can apply at [WaltonCollege.uark.edu/Leadership](http://WaltonCollege.uark.edu/Leadership) through mid-August.
**Community Outreach**

### CAREER CLOSET

The Walton College Career Center Closet (Career Closet) opened in August 2010 as a resource of upscale, gently used business casual and business professional attire available free to all currently enrolled Walton College students. Students can take up to four individual pieces per academic semester or one suit per year. Leadership Walton students help organize clothing donations and run the closet during its hours of operation.

**Career Closet Fast Facts**
- Items Originally in Stock: 1411
- Items Currently Available: 948
- Items Taken to Date: 460+
- Student Visitors to Date: 400+
- Leadership Walton Closet Volunteers: 70+
- Estimated Value of Items Taken: $3,800+

### SCULL CREEK TRAIL

Leadership Walton adopted Scull Creek trail in Fayetteville in 2010. Since then, we have picked up litter along the four mile trail four times. Our most recent cleanup was on March 4. Five representatives from Henkel Consumer Goods assisted with the cleanup, along with seven Leadership Walton students and Walton College Career Center staff members.

### FAYETTEVILLE SENIOR CENTER SUPPLY DRIVE

In September 2010, the students of Leadership Walton, along with the Career Center and the Graduate School of Business, collected supplies for the Fayetteville Senior Center, raising more than $1,000 in cash donations and collecting many essential supplies. Donations will help offset operational costs and allow the center to provide Meals on Wheels to more home bound seniors in our area.

In addition to group projects led by the Walton College Career Center, Leadership Walton members complete community service projects on their own. Students have completed over 950 volunteer projects for organizations, including: Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Bikes, Blues & Barbeque; Chili Pepper Run; Circle K International; Community Blood Center; Fayetteville Animal Shelter; Fayetteville Public Library; Girl Scouts of America; Juvenile Diabetes Walk; Lifestyles; Lift Up America; Race for the Cure; ROCK Camp; and Spring International Language Center.
Leadership Walton Graduates

The Walton College Career Center is proud to recognize this year’s graduates who have completed the required components of the Leadership Walton program. Only 200 students are selected to join the program each year; and since the program began in 2007, only 53 other students have received these honors. The 57 May 2011 graduates were recognized at a ceremony on May 13. Each received a certificate of completion and gold cord to wear at commencement.

Visit the Leadership Walton Facebook page or Leadership Walton Photo Gallery to view pictures from the event.

Eric Ableitner
Lauren Ahlers
Andrew Baldwin
Maria Barrenechea
Franz Bollmann Duarte
Kelsey Brown
Paola Burgoa
Brad Burns
Arturo Alejandro Carias
Sherrie Choong
Kate Christenbury
Theodore Christensen
Amber Collins
Kelly Comer
Brent Culp
Brendan Desjardins
Rachel Dixon
Carlo Dominguez
Oscar Eterovic
Samantha Francis
Lauren Gale
Trenton Green
Eve Gruetzemacher
Jake Gulitz
Emily Harbuck
Yuki Hatano
Sarah Holtzen
William Kellagher
Justin Lareau
Li Hui Li
Cameron Lorenzo
David Manke
Clay Mason
Suzannah McCord
Emily McCullough
Robert McEver
Kysha McNeal
Clayton Mohr
Christopher Moon
Ryan Moshtagh
Colin O’Donnell
John Pardo
Gabriela Velasco Pereda
Rae Pluge
Claire Purdy
Brett Reid
Sydney Ross
JT Samford
Weston Schack
Brittany Scott
Alexandra Sorrell
Ben Thomas
Jordan Toft
Danny Long Tran
Stefan Trim
Andrew Wasilewski
Jessi White

What do parents think of Leadership Walton?

We asked the parents of incoming freshmen to post to the Leadership Walton Facebook page and explain why they want their students to join the program. Here are just a few of the wonderful comments we received:

Leadership Walton will allow my son to accomplish great things throughout his college career and on into adulthood!
- Vicki Jackson-Brooks

I would like my daughter to join Leadership Walton so that she can make a difference. With all of the community service involved in the program, I know she can do just that.
- Katharine Branscum

As a hiring manager, I often look at an applicant’s leadership experience and being engaged with LW would be a big plus.
- Joe Schlecte

I was so impressed by my first visit to U of A last week, most especially the Walton College of Business portion. I am excited to know my son will be part of such a wonderful program and hope that he chooses to take part in Leadership Walton to further his educational experience and leadership opportunities.
- Angie Runnels Woodliff

I hope my daughter will be accepted into the Leadership Walton program. I believe she would gain business leadership skills necessary in today's competitive global market while also learning to serve others and give back to the Leadership Walton community. What an incredible opportunity!
- Kim Moses Atwell

I want my son to be a part of Leadership Walton to get exposure to the real business world & to personally develop his own business career.
- Paul Olinger

We would love our son to join Leadership Walton because it’s a great way for him to expand his knowledge in the business world and build relationships with other leaders.
- Kristen Donnell Spain

Participating in Leadership Walton will ensure success! This fantastic program offers students a systematic way to connect what they are learning in the classroom to the real world from day one.
- Stacia Rosatti
### Save the Dates

In order to help students prepare for upcoming career fairs, the Walton College Career Center created “Extreme Makeover: Resume Edition.” This is a resume revision workshop that allows students to stop by between classes the week before the Business Career Fair and have a Career Center staff member or business professional revise their resume in 5-10 minutes. Employer partners include members from Women in Logistics. **Satisfies one resume revision credit for Leadership Walton.**

The Business Career Fair Networking Event offers Walton College graduate students and Leadership Walton members an exclusive opportunity to network with company representatives attending the Business Career Fair. The event is held at the Arkansas Alumni House. At the event, MBA students will hold a poster session highlighting their summer internship experiences. **Satisfies one lecture credit for Leadership Walton.**

#### Fall 2011 Business Career Fair – September 20, 2011
The Business Career Fair will be held in Willard J. Walker Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and will kick off the fall 2011 recruiting season. **Satisfies one career fair credit for Leadership Walton.**

#### Diversity in the Workplace – October 19, 2011
A panel of industry professionals will discuss the meaning and impact of diversity within their organizations. The event is open to all University students, staff and faculty. **Satisfies the diversity requirement for Leadership Walton.**

#### Social and Dining Etiquette Training – October 2011
The next Social and Dining Etiquette event will be in October 2011. We will begin accepting applications in September. **Satisfies the dining etiquette requirement for Leadership Walton.**