

February Article 1 – Leadership Positions

Chances are your student was involved in a leadership position in some way during his or her high school years; many students count such experiences amongst the most enjoyable of their high school careers. Last semester, your students may have sought opportunities to get involved in similar ways here at UP – or, more likely they were so busy learning how to be college freshmen that this was not a high priority.

In either case, now that we're halfway finished with this academic year, UP is gearing up to offer your students such opportunities for next year. If your student hasn't found a club to join yet, encourage them to visit the Student Activities office or [website](#) to learn about the many and varied organizations that are available here. They provide excellent opportunities to develop personal interests, get involved in academic pursuits, and meet new people with similar interests.

Individual clubs and organizations offer students the opportunity to be on an executive board, manage other students, and take on leadership positions. The University of Portland also offers leadership opportunities available to the campus at large, which includes such varied positions as Orientation Assistants, Service-Learning Trip Coordinators, and Hall Retreat Leaders.

Encourage your student to visit UP's leadership website, www.up.edu/leadership, to view the positions available on campus for this summer and next year.

So whether your student was an active leader in the past, or is now looking for an opportunity to become one, encourage him or her to get to know the many opportunities we have on campus. Getting involved in leadership on campus early gives our freshmen an added opportunity to get connected on our campus, and provides them with excellent complement to their academic experiences here at the University of Portland.