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## **Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership Saint Mary's University of Minnesota**

The Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership affirms creative leadership and educates ethical, globally oriented leaders for a diverse, multicultural society. The Institute assists emerging leaders by offering programs and scholarships that integrate leadership models and ethical principles, while instilling an understanding of morals and spirituality.

### **History**

- William "Bill" Hendrickson received his degree from Saint Mary's College (now Saint Mary's University of Minnesota) in 1939. He later went on to serve as chairman and was the first *chairman emeritus* of St. Jude Medical, Inc.
- In 1988, Bill and his wife, Jean Hendrickson, formed a partnership with Saint Mary's University of Minnesota by establishing the Tomorrow's Leaders University Scholarship Program. The purpose of the scholarship was to identify, encourage and develop ethical and globally oriented leaders.
- In 1994, the Hendricksons expanded their scholarship program and founded the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership to provide programming and training on ethical leadership for both nonprofit organizations and corporations.
- In 2003, the Tomorrow's Leaders High School Scholarship Program was launched to provide scholarships for high school students of good character who complete leadership and service projects.
- In 2005, the Corporate Directors Academy was founded, after the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership collaborated with the Caux Round Table of global senior business leaders.
- In 2006, the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership entered a partnership with Magellan Executive Resources to form the Servant Leadership Training Program, which is based on the philosophy of Robert Greenleaf.
- In 2007, the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership moved from the University's Winona, Minn. campus to its present location on the University's Twin Cities campus.

### **Programs for the Community**

The Hendrickson Institute's mission is to serve current and emerging leaders of society by offering a variety of programming on ethical leadership for businesses and non-profits:

- **Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership Forum** invites an internationally experienced speaker to present and answer questions related to global economics and

ethical leadership, recognizes a local ethical leader with an annual award, and provides opportunities to network with ethics-oriented community members.

- **Business Owners' Round Table** meets monthly to discuss current ethical issues such as Character and Values; The Early Years of Starting a Business: Obstacles, Opportunities; Walking the Walk: Leading a Diverse Company; What is Work Ethic? Barriers and Opportunities for Leadership; The Late Years: Continuity in Your Business; and Following Through with Your Values. Participants have time to raise issues that affect their organization and benefit from the experiences of other business owners.
- **Leadership Breakfast Series**, in partnership with Lurie Besikof Lapidus, LLC, is a monthly breakfast forum for business leaders to learn and explore a variety of dynamics impacting leadership. Some of the past topics are: "Reducing Conflict in the Workplace-- A Different Approach," "Motivate through Leadership" and "Building High Performance Cultures: One Person at a Time." Speakers are experienced, knowledgeable professionals who engage the participants through their presentation and open dialogue. The seminars offer an opportunity to network with like-minded leaders.
- **Corporate Directors Academy** focuses on improving corporate governance and ethical leadership while providing the necessary tools for recognizing and addressing ethical dilemmas. The program serves current and aspiring board members of non-profit organizations and corporations.
- **Servant-Leaders Training Academy** is based on the life-enriching philosophy of Robert Greenleaf. Certified servant leadership trainers teach an experiential, skills-oriented approach to developing a clear set of principles, values and relationships.

## Programs for Students

### **Tomorrow's Leaders High School Scholarship Program**

Tomorrow's Leaders High School Scholarship Program grants a \$4,500 scholarship to a student upon successful completion of a service learning project in their school or greater community. The scholarship may be used at any vocational, two-year, or four-year, post-secondary institution. Eligible students must have strong academic records, be of outstanding character, have demonstrated leadership skills or potential, and abstain from all chemical use. Each participating school receives \$500 to help defray the costs associated with implementing the program.

### **Tomorrow's Leaders University Scholarships**

This prestigious renewable scholarship program is designed for incoming freshmen with a demonstrated Christian lifestyle, peer leadership potential and a history of extracurricular, community-service activities. Created by the generous donations of Saint Mary's benefactors, these merit-based awards benefit outstanding student leaders and generally range from \$2,000 to \$8,000. Eligible students must have strong academic records, evidence of leadership involvement, possession of strong moral values and must successfully complete an interview with the scholarship committee.

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*EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership, please contact Lindsay McCabe, executive director, at 612-728-5219.*