PASSHE Women’s Consortium

24th Annual

Undergraduate Women’s Leadership Institute

“Fostering the Leadership of Women”

Sunday, June 24, through Friday, June 29, 2012

McKeever Environmental Learning Center
Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania
ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Leadership Institute for Undergraduate Women provides a forum for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education to nurture the leadership potential of women students. It creates an experience that empowers women as leaders, challenges women to realize their full potential as leaders, and connects women with other women who are committed to social change.

GOALS

♦ Develop and strengthen women’s leadership skills, creativity, and respect for diversity;
♦ Establish a network of women throughout the PASSHE and promote existing networks of women at each of the fourteen universities;
♦ Encourage mentoring relationships among women in the PASSHE;
♦ Provide for informal learning opportunities for students to interact with faculty members, staff, and administrators;
♦ Expand their understanding of women’s issues and the potential for women’s leadership;
♦ Help students develop campus projects to practice skills learned at the Institute under the direction of a mentor on their campus.

FORMAT

Instructional sessions are conducted by talented women who contribute not only to the content of learning activities, but also serve as role models and potential mentors. All sessions are interactive, requiring participants to engage in discussions, role plays, and simulations. Students meet in small groups to process and apply information as well as learn from each others’ experiences.

Guest speakers, outdoor recreation, and team building exercises also create multiple learning opportunities. Additionally, literature, music, and videos about women and women’s issues are available on site.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

After being selected to participate in the Institute, students are expected to complete all participant registration forms and releases. These forms and releases indicate the student’s understanding that she will make and pay for travel arrangements to and from the Institute and will stay at McKeever for the duration of the Institute.

Participants are expected to read the materials provided before attending the Institute and be active participants in discussions. Upon returning to their universities for the 2012-2013 Academic Year, participants are expected to report back to their campus contacts and organize a project that enriches the climate for women on their campus. Participants are expected to provide a final written report to the PASSHE Women’s Consortium about the success of their project.
COSTS

Student participant costs, for 4 students to attend, will be provided by Millersville University. These costs include lodging, meals, and educational materials. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the Institute, as well as personal expenses incurred during the week.

LOCATION

McKeever Environmental Learning Center
55 McKeever Lane, Sandy Lake, PA 16145
Phone: (724) 376-1000; Fax: (724) 376-8235
E-mail: info@mckeever.org; Website: www.mckeever.org

The McKeever Environmental Learning Center is located in a natural wooded setting about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh near Sandy Lake, Mercer County. McKeever’s facilities are surrounded by 205 acres of hardwood forest with streams, meadows, and hemlock ravines. Please refer to the website for more detailed information and directions.

SPONSORS OF THE INSTITUTE

♦ The PASSHE Women’s Consortium
♦ Millersville University Division of Student Affairs
Please return all application materials to Montour House no later than noon on Friday, May 4, 2012.
APPLICATION FORM
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
WOMEN’S CONSORTIUM
LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE FOR UNDERGRADUATE WOMEN

Name: ________________________________________________________________

School Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Campus Telephone Number: _____________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Home Telephone Number: _________________________ e-mail address: ____________

Major: ________________________ Minor: ________________________________

Circle One:  Freshman    Sophomore    Junior    Other __________________________

Grade Point Average: _____________________________________

Please respond to the following request for information (use additional sheets of paper if necessary):

1. Please list the names of two university faculty, administrators, or staff who will be submitting a reference form for you.

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2. Please list the campus and community organizations that you have been a member of and identify any leadership positions you have held in these organizations.
3. Please provide a statement that describes 1) why you are interested in attending the institute and 2) what you expect to gain from participation in the institute.

4. Institute participants are expected to develop and complete a project that would contribute to the quality of life women experience on their campus. Considering your interests and skills, briefly describe the idea for such a project.

Return completed application to Montour House no later than noon on Friday, May 4, 2012.
Reference Form

This individual listed below has submitted your name as a reference in support of her application for selection to the Leadership Institute. The Institute is offered to three undergraduate women for each of the State System of Higher Education Universities. Applicants will be selected based upon their leadership potential, academic success, community participation, and campus involvement. Your comments will assist in the selection process.

Applicant’s Name: ________________________________

Please rate the candidate using the following scale:
5  - Excellent
4  - Above Average
3  - Average
2  - Fair
1  - Not Observed

1. Ability to accept challenges  5  4  3  2  1
2. Ability to relate to peers  5  4  3  2  1
3. Ability to set and accomplish goals  5  4  3  2  1
4. Enthusiasm  5  4  3  2  1
5. Leadership potential  5  4  3  2  1
6. Leadership skills  5  4  3  2  1
7. Maturity  5  4  3  2  1
8. Openness to change and new ideas  5  4  3  2  1
9. Community involvement  5  4  3  2  1
10. Academic ability  5  4  3  2  1

Please assess the applicant’s abilities to participate in the Leadership Institute and cite any additional qualifications that would assist the Selection Committee in evaluating the candidate. You may write a separate letter or use the back of this form.

Name: ________________________________  Title: ________________________________

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