



Women's Leadership Institute

transforming lives through leadership

2008 NEW Leadership™ Wisconsin - June 4 – 10, 2008

The third year of this week-long, residential program gathered statewide talent to the Mount Mary College campus (20 student in total). The driven women represented a variety of ages, ethnicities, and demographics, tapping into different regions of Wisconsin, many private colleges, and University of Wisconsin campuses for their emerging leaders. The attendees participated in several workshops, panel discussions, and field trips in order to learn more about the local community and politics as well as to hone their leadership and communication skills. More than 50 visiting speakers shared their leadership involvement at various levels. Political campaign strategist and activist, Deborah Lukovich, advocated for women to run for political office. Faculty from Mount Mary College, representatives from the Medical College of Wisconsin, and leaders from Milwaukee's businesses and non-profit communities conducted workshops on health disparities, advocacy and activism, diversity and leadership, constructive conflict, public speaking, and crafting media messages. The week's offerings culminated in a five-person political forum, which featured women office holders from various levels of government, including State Senator Lena Taylor, City of Milwaukee Alderwoman Milele Coggs, and keynote speaker, Lieutenant Governor Barbara Lawton. While on-campus activities exposed the 2008 graduates to real-life accounts of today's leaders, the women saw the raw workings of political action and social justice initiatives through downtown fieldtrips to Milwaukee's City Hall and social service agencies such as Health Care for the Homeless and the Bread of Healing Free Clinic. Armed with ideas, inspiration, and the leadership development tools provided by the NEW Leadership™ program, these women also found reinforcement through the newfound camaraderie of mentoring speakers and fellow participants. These women motivated each other, teaching, sharing, and debating ideas. The graduates departed the graduation ceremony, separate, but inspired.

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