



Focus Leadership Conference

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q. What's this thing all about?

A. This is a short leadership development conference for our students. While we've hosted a conference in the fall for 15 years and several small seminars throughout the year in the past, we began this daylong conference 5 years ago. It is offered at the beginning of the spring to help us serve and lead together better throughout the year. Plus, this gives us a time to invite the emerging leaders just nominated by their Gateway instructors.

Q. What will happen?

A. We will focus on the theme of "Comfortably Numb: Challenging a Cultural Mindset." This largely will deal with looking at the cultural messages we receive about alcohol and how these might impact Lee's culture. We want to help students understand why we have certain alcohol use guidelines and equip them to apply what they will learn in their circles of influence on campus. Student leaders will be challenged, discuss key campus and cultural issues with each other, and reflect on their spiritual growth.

Q. Where will the conference be held?

A. The entire conference will be held in the Ocoee Street Annex, which is the old First Baptist Family Life Building. It is directly across the street from the old First Baptist sanctuary. Please enter through the doors on Church Street.

Q. What should I wear?

A. Feel free to dress as you wish in accordance with the standards in the *Student Handbook*. Please do not dress up. Dress comfortably for the venue. You may want to wear something to help you stay warm. Some people find the space a little chilly.

Q. Who's coming?

A. Over 170 student leaders from all over campus have responded and said that they will attend. This includes representatives from many clubs and organizations, students who have

been or are enrolled in leadership courses, and emerging leaders who were nominated in their Gateway classes.

Q. What about food during the conference?

A. As you can see from the conference schedule from the other link, we start registration at 9:30 a.m. During registration, we'll serve a light breakfast. For lunch, we'll be catering something in from an outside restaurant. We'll have other food and drinks available throughout the conference.

Q. What if I am a vegetarian or have special dietary needs?

A. We will have vegetarian options for students. If you have any special dietary needs, please let us know by emailing Mike Hayes (mhayes@leeuniversity.edu). We will accommodate to meet your needs.

Q. What do I need to bring?

A. Just bring yourself and a willingness to learn. We will provide all the food and materials.

Q. How much does this cost me?

A. Everything is free!

Q. Is there something I can be thinking about to prepare for the conference?

A. Take some time to reflect on what our pervading cultural mindsets are about alcohol and alcohol use. Think about how these ideas affect Lee's culture. Essentially, be ready to confront a cultural mindset. Also, work on being open to different perspectives.