

## **Ann Mumaw**

"To do something better, you must work an extra bit harder. I like the phrase an extra bit harder. For me it is not just a slogan, but a habitual state of mind, a disposition. Any job one takes on must be grasped and felt key with one's soul, mind and heart; only then will one work an extra bit harder.

To sense the potential of posterity in one's daily business life, one has to feel deeply about some aspect of one's work. One has to be committed to do or create something that will accomplish some good in this world - The ingredients are dedicated to a profound idea and the determination to carry it out."— David Finn

My name is Ann Mumaw and I am a freshman at the University of Kentucky. The spring semester of my freshman year I applied for the Emerging Leadership Institute program as a result of a couple of my sorority sisters sharing with me their experiences when they participated in the program. I am from Grosse Pointe, Michigan and really wanted to make a name for myself on campus. I began to think what wouldn't be more perfect but a class all about leadership. I was so excited for this opportunity to be in a classroom with many of my peers that I could learn so much from. As the semester progress I discovered so much about leadership, others and myself. This experience is one I wouldn't trade for anything and know I will never forget for the rest of my life.

### *The Classroom Experience*

The day I step foot into the classroom was one I had no idea would change my life. This class was nothing like any of the other classes you would take. There are different speakers that come in everyday and speak about my different characteristics that make up a leader. The speakers don't just lecture but interact with the class and give out the DISC test to give you an idea what your leadership style is like. This really sets the class off on the right foot to really bring on awareness that each of us have different leadership styles. The friendships that form are also incredible. Everyone in the class is so

diverse and supportive of one another you know after the class is over you now have thirty good friends walking the campus that will support any organization you need help with. You are also split up into several groups consisting of five to six other students with a peer mentor and a student who took the class before. These are your mentor groups. They help you along with your individual projects you work on throughout the semester. This group is one that discusses the happenings in class that week and gets you to think more in depth about your experiences. My peer mentor was a great inspiration to me and really helped to keep my individual project on course. The class was such a good experience and really helped me to see what my leadership characteristics were like and what I needed to work on. Through this class I have received so many contacts that it is such a good support system. I know if I needed anything that I could ask anyone in the class including Courtney or Elizabeth and I would be pointed in the right direction or given the right number. You will never have such a good opportunity to get involved and meet new people, as you will in this one classroom.

### *My Individual Project*

The individual project is a requirement for the class. At first when I heard this I was not quite sure what to do. I was very discouraged and didn't know what to do since I was not from Lexington I didn't know any one so I wouldn't know whom to call. My peer mentor helped me through my intimidation and helped me to find my contact at the McDowell Cancer Foundation. His name is Mr. John Leschney and he is the Director of Development for the foundation. I ended up talking with him and he had me stop by the foundation the next day. As soon as I got there he help me with my project right away. I

am part of the executive board on the Celebrity Celebration Golf Tournament hosted my John Michael Montgomery. This has been such an experience. I have met so many different people to have as contacts including Buzzword, Clearwater, and more. I mainly work to get the students on campus involved with the foundation and for the tournament. I have gotten over 50 volunteers and also got the Homecoming Committee of the Student Activities Board to agree to donate all the money from the walk on October 7th, 2001 to the McDowell Cancer Foundation. This will all go the Women's Cancer Facility being built, as we speak, on Hugellett road. Working with the foundation has been such an awesome experience I can't wait to help with everything in years to come. I now plan on volunteering at the foundation for the next years I am at the University. This experience has helped me to grow so much and become such a more sophisticated leader.