SDSCA Newsletter from the hills Gary Linn SDSCA Executive Director

Regional Workshops are being held in a city near you!! Please read the email sent out to all advisors in the state by Brooks Bowman! Please try to take your council members to this great opportunity for student leadership. Your local boards have gone to lots of hard work to provide this leadership event. Let's support it!

Welcome Back to a Great 2025-26 School Year!!



70 Leadership Qualities

A leader is someone who...

- 1. Sees the big picture
- 2. Thinks strategically
- 3. Focuses on the future
- 4. Sets the vision
- 5. Sets the direction
- 6. Displays a strong business acumen
- 7. Strives for continuous improvement
- 8. Sees a cross-functional, cross-organizational view
- 9. Thinks critically
- 10. Focuses on the customer
- 11. Possesses strong interpersonal skills
- 12. Communicates with transparency
- 13. Sends clear messages
- 14. Speaks in an impactful way
- 15. Delivers effective speaking presentations
- 16. Gives open, honest, and direct feedback
- 17. Listens to understand
- 18. Asks the right questions at the right time
- 19. Manages crises and conflict with ease
- 20. Breaks down complex information into simple terms
- 21. Interacts comfortably with people at all levels
- 22. Stays positive and constructive in difficult conversations
- 23. Finds middle ground and a path forward
- 24. Goes above and beyond
- 25. Focuses on results
- 26. Likes to succeed
- 27. Drives results
- 28. Gets things done
- 29. Embraces and leads change
- 30. Acts decisively
- 31. Stays goal-oriented and solution focused
- 32. Makes decisions in times of ambiguity
- 33. Completes difficult tasks despite obstacles
- 34. Exudes energy and determination
- 35. Pushes for what she believes in
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- 36. Embodies a positive attitude
- 37. Has tenacity and curiosity
- 38. Strives to accomplish what she commits to doing
- 39. Takes ownership
- 40. Takes charge and assumes responsibility
- 41. Sets high standards
- 42. Has excellent organizational skills
- 43. Takes risks
- 44. Is fearless
- 45. Exudes honesty and dependability
- 46. Wins trust
- 47. Earns respect
- 48. Collaborates
- 49. Operates with integrity and fairness
- 50. Has a thirst for learning
- 51. Shares know-how
- 52. Shows empathy
- 53. Is supportive and caring
- 54. Stays calm in difficult situations
- 55. Possesses leadership presence
- 56. Leads by example
- 57. Serves as a role model
- 58. Stands up for she believes in
- 59. Is an influencer
- 60. Inspires and empowers
- 61. Motivates others during times of uncertainty
- 62. Influences without authority
- 63. Works across functions to get things done
- 64. Manages up, down, and across
- 65. Engages differing points of view
- 66. Builds teams and fosters teamwork
- 67. Instills a sense of community
- 68. Adapts her message to the environment
- 69. Rallies people to achieve a common goal
- 70. Creates a shared sense of purpose



Your SDSCA state board!