

FLIP: Freshman Leadership Initiative Program 2021

FLIP will cultivate a strong foundation of servant leadership while fostering a passion for local and global impact.

Over the last four years, the Freshman Leadership Initiative Program (FLIP) has afforded new freshmen to take part in an intensive servant leadership training program while planning and participating in a service learning component.

FLIP is a group of 20-30 freshmen participating in a weekly three-hour course, taken for credit, taught by faculty and staff from across campus. The class will take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1:30 to 2:45 pm during the spring 2021 semester. This class will focus on servant leadership development all the while offering freshmen the opportunity to be mentored by upperclassmen with tangible experiences to practice and develop servant leadership skills culminating in one capstone project at the end of the semester. This course also counts as "Foundations of Servant Leadership" which is the introductory course for the Servant Leadership Minor, available through the School of Education.

In its inaugural year, 20 freshmen took part in FLIP with 94% reporting their leadership abilities improved through the program. Through the leadership of these 20 students and six mentors, their capstone project raised \$14,250 for Children's of Mississippi. In 2017, the second group of FLIP students raised over \$25,330 for Children's of Mississippi. In FLIP's third year, these students raised over \$43,000 for Children's. Last year, in the fall of 2019 FLIP raised over \$71,000 for Children's.

This year's FLIP class will partner with the Campus Programming Board to raise money and help plan the MC Dance Marathon during the spring 2021 semester.

FLIP is a great place for incoming freshmen to connect with other students, faculty, staff, and the MC community. If you are wondering how to get involved, this might just be the place for you!

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Name: _____

700 Number: _____

Email: _____

Cell Number: _____

Is this your first semester as a traditional college student (excluding dual enrollment, etc)? _____ Yes _____ No

Major: _____

Minor: _____

High School GPA: _____

Gender: male female

Hometown: _____

Short Answer

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions. Please type your answers using no more than two pages total. Attach them to the application, making certain to include your name.

1. What is your personal definition of servant leadership?
2. Why do you want to learn more about servant leadership / what interests you about the topic of leadership?
3. What are your top 5 Strengths Finder strengths?
4. What have you gotten involved in since coming to MC?
5. Why do you want to be a part of the Freshman Leadership Initiative Program?

Important: Your completed application and essay question responses must be returned to the Student Life Center (located on the B.C. Rogers back patio) by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020.

Informal interview process for FLIP will take place on Monday evening, October 26, 2020.

Release Statement

Please read the following statements and sign below.

I have read and understand that FLIP will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the spring 2021 semester from 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm, and I will also be asked to assist with the MC Dance Marathon.

Signature

Date