

September: Leadership

Be The Change

Leadership is a dialogue. Life of an Athlete is providing talking points to guide discussions in the NHIAA Student Leadership Committee (SLC) meetings. SLC members can take these topics back to school Student Leadership Team/Council (SALT/SALC) meetings for further discussion. Hopefully, these quotes, questions, suggested activities, and current events help create meaningful conversations for leaders in high schools across New Hampshire to create change!

“Quotes”

“Somewhere inside, we hear a voice. It leads us in the direction of the person we want to become. But it is up to us whether or not to follow.” -Pat Tillman

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” -John Quincy Adams

Questions

- » Thinking about your style of leadership, can you give an example of someone who you think is a good leader that has the same leadership style? What are some of the challenges that person faces due to their leadership style?
- » Can you identify a good leader who has a different style than you?
- » What are the actions you plan to take to improve your leadership skills?
- » Where will you face challenges? What can you do to overcome your challenge areas and improve your strengths?

Scenario

You are a co-captain along with one of your classmates. She was caught hosting a party early on in the season, and although she gave a team apology and had to miss the biggest game of the year, you're not sure she actually learned anything. While she hasn't hosted a party since, she has been attending them, and your teammates seem less than enthusiastic to have her as a captain again. Many of them are looking to you to figure out if they should vote for her or not. What would you tell them? Do you think you could lead a team with her? Would you talk to her?

CURRENT EVENT

Robert Morris University President Chris Howard is the newest member of the College Football Playoff committee in 2017. Howard's goal is to strengthen the connection between college football and leadership. As an All-American running back at Air Force, a lieutenant colonel and bronze star winner in Afghanistan, the vice president for leadership and strategic initiatives at Oklahoma, and president of Hampden Sydney College, Howard has certainly proven himself a leader at all levels. Howard's newest challenge is at the highest level of college football in the country.

