



# TAKING THE LEAD ...



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## ***How do you define leadership?***

Leadership is the act of another person to inspire, guide, encourage, and educate others to become their best self, and to achieve their individual goals.

## ***What leader inspires you and why?***

I can think of a few leaders who inspire me, but the one leader who stands out in my mind, and has been an inspiration from childhood to the present, is my mother. While she has spurred me onto greater heights with her words, it has been her character and actions (i.e., tenacity, strong work ethic, grace under fire) that have motivated me the most.

## ***What is your favorite thing about being a leader?***

I enjoy watching others that I have invested in overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. It is a very rewarding experience.

## ***What is your favorite leadership quote?***

"If your action inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader."  
- Unknown

## ***In your opinion, what is the best trait a successful leader should have?***

To identify one best trait a successful leader should possess is challenging. That said, I believe discernment is a critical trait for any successful leader. A discerning leader knows and understands what the follower—either an organization or individual (s) require in that moment. A successful leader with discernment will adapt to meet the changing needs of the follower and work to determine what's needed, i.e. more guidance, training, motivation, etc. Leadership is not a one-size-fits-all offering.

## ***What leadership advice would you give a new emerging professional?***

It has been my experience that some new professionals become discouraged by adversity and prematurely change course as a result. My advice is to keep putting one foot in front of the other, believe in yourself, work even harder, seek guidance from a trusted advisor and you will eventually emerge from that adversity stronger and wiser.



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### ***What are your go-to hobbies or pastimes?***

If I have some free time, I'm absolutely going to do one of the following: Read (a fictional, sci-fi, legal thriller, or mystery book), travel, run outside, practice yoga, or spend time with my family and friends.

### ***What is your most memorable vacation?***

My most memorable vacation was either my trip to the United Arab Emirates, where I ate dinner in the desert or Thailand, where I rode on the head of an elephant. I love adventure!

### ***If you were not in your current role, what would your dream career/job be and why?***

My dream job would be a stress-free job, preferably in the legal profession. However, I am unfamiliar with any such job. That said, I have always desired to become a judge. As an attorney I love the practice of law (most days), advocating for my client and bringing about a greater good one client at a time. But as a judge you are uniquely positioned to hear both sides of a case, apply the law to the facts, and to provide a ruling that results in an equitable resolution for the parties. A judge has a broader reach and is able to bring about a greater good for the public, which is what I desire to do.

### ***What would you say to someone considering getting involved in LHC?***

I would tell someone considering involvement with LHC to "just do it." You will be so grateful that you became involved with LHC. Not only will you become a member of the next "best class ever" but more importantly you will (i) make lasting connections with other community leaders and (ii) learn about opportunities to insert yourself to make Howard County a better place to live and work for everyone.