

# Gerstell Academy 10th Grade President's Summer Challenge

***Leadership: The art of positively influencing others to unite in a common direction and guiding them to improve themselves and their community.***

Servant Leadership is leadership with an emphasis not only on being a positive influence but also serving others while improving your community, and helping bring out the best in others. One way to develop your leadership skills, style, and strengths, is to fulfill a leadership role by serving others. This leadership challenge is meant to have you focus on a particular area of service to others while developing your leadership capability. The Challenge is entirely voluntary.

## **The Challenge:**

1. Perform a minimum of 25 hours of community service with a single organization, group, or individual.
2. Read: “*Coach Wooden's Leadership Game Plan for Success. 12 Lessons for Extraordinary Performance and Personal Excellence*” by John Wooden

When complete, write a 350 word reflection titled: “My Summer Leadership Lessons.” In your essay connect some of the lessons you learned in Coach Wooden’s book to your community service project and how you were a positive influence on others. Please weave into your essay the Gerstell Academy Principles, Attributes, and Leadership Definition to help describe your progress as a positive leader.

The essay will be turned into your tenth grade leadership teacher no later than the first day of classes. Please type this essay. Document your community service with your advisor by turning in a community service form no later than the first day of classes; attach a copy of your essay to the form, which will serve as your reflection.

Typical organizations for your community service: churches, synagogues, or other houses of worship, civic organizations (Rotary, Lions, Scouts, and Optimist Clubs), veteran organizations, food banks, shelters, local governments, hospitals, thrift shops, youth organizations, YMCA’s, community centers, libraries, senior centers, and humane societies are all good possibilities. You may also find individuals to provide a service to such as an elderly or disabled neighbor who needs assistance with yard care, or shopping for them. This service will also count towards your overall service hours, please make your parent’s aware of the service you plan to accomplish and get their approval.

## **The Reward**

If successful, you will receive recognition by:

- Going to lunch with Dr. Smith at a venue outside of school.
- A single test grade of 100 in your Leadership II course.
- You will be reimbursed for the cost of this book which can be purchased on Amazon for about \$15.00.