



Left: Academy students gather with visiting speaker Enid Borden, AU Class of 1972.

LEADERSHIP IS CREATING COMMUNITY

Capstone Projects included:

- A *Women's Quilt* – made with dozens of fabric squares designed anonymously in response to the question, “What does it mean to be a woman?”
- A workshop about *The Female Contribution to Objectification*, which explored the ways that women denigrate each other, thus perpetuating objectification of women.
- *Through Her Daughter's Eyes* – a student's biography of women in her family, highlighting each woman's leadership style and the opportunities they created for themselves and their children.

The Women's Leadership Academy creates a community for students who want to explore issues of gender and leadership from an academic and personal perspective. They learn theory, build skills, and create a vision for their future. Before graduating, students apply their knowledge through their capstone projects.

Other community-building events at the WLC included a Faculty-Staff Reception, a Mother-Daughter Reception and Reading during Fall Family Weekend, and Transitions: A Women's Leadership Conference during Reunion 2008.

Bernsteins Endow Leadership Awards

Pamela Lavin Bernstein '71, and Dr. Gene Bernstein '69, trustee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, endowed the Bernstein Leadership Awards for students in the Women's Leadership Academy who wish to take advantage of unpaid summer internships and similar experiences.

“We are pleased to provide this much-needed assistance to AU students,” said Pamela Bernstein, who was a founding member of the Women's Leadership Center Advisory Board and continues to serve on the board. Our sincere thanks go to Pam and Gene Bernstein for making these awards possible.

LEADERSHIP IS CREATIVITY

Alfred students are known for their creativity. When that creativity is used to raise awareness and create change, the results are inspiring. The WLC hosted several student-curated art shows. In *Authentic and Unadorned*, a



Percussion session at Art Opening.



Poster for Authentic and Unadorned photo exhibit.

photography exhibit showcased AU students' natural beauty - without any fussing or retouching.

The Women of Influence speakers' series brings inspiring women to campus who share insights about women's leadership based on personal experiences. At private dinners and receptions after each talk, students have the opportunity to meet our speakers in comfortable, small group settings.



Mary LaRowe



Dr. Mallika Sarabhai

Students also traveled to our nation's capital where they attended a panel discussion *Making a Difference in D.C.*, and an alumna-led tour of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial.

“It was a good learning experience seeing all these women doing what they're passionate about and succeeding at it. I didn't know what to expect, but it was a great experience.”

~participant in D.C. trip.

LEADERSHIP IS LEARNING FROM OTHERS

LEADERSHIP IS BEING A MENTOR



Some of the most powerful experiences for our students are when they can pass their knowledge on to others. This “pay it forward” approach to leadership is the cornerstone of our Summer Institutes, where high school students facilitate workshops for younger girls.

“I learned what it really meant to be a leader, and met so many women who are leaders. It was inspiring.”

~Institute '07 student

Women of Influence speakers this year included:

- Florence Harmon, Deputy Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- Dr. Evelyn Murphy, former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts and President of the WAGE Project
- Mary LaRowe, CEO of St. James Mercy Health System in Hornell, New York
- Dr. Mallika Sarabhai, Co-Director of Darpana Academy, a performing arts and social justice institute in Ahmedabad, India
- Deborah Wilkinson, Global Business Development Manager for the Office of Economic Development in Broward County, Florida



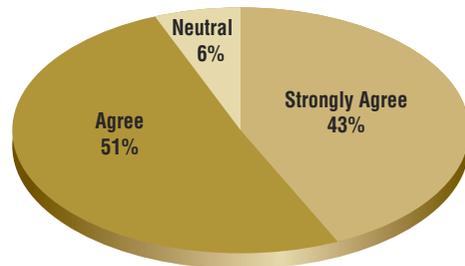
Visiting speaker Dr. Evelyn Murphy.

Leaders continually look for ways to enhance their skills. This year, over 160 students attended WLC workshops. Facilitated by AU staff, alumni, and guests, these workshops provided leadership skill development and important networking opportunities for students.

LEADERSHIP IS KNOWLEDGE

"This workshop was extremely helpful. It was the most worthwhile two hours of the semester! This is information I think my mother may even be able to use, even though she's been working for over 30 years."
 ~ \$tart\$mart workshop participant

In evaluations after each workshop, participants were asked if the workshop improved their knowledge of the subject, and responded as follows:
"I Feel More Knowledgeable..."



Workshops in 2007-2008 included:

- S.T.A.N.D. Up! Strength to Assert, Negotiate, and Defend - an Exercise in Assertiveness
- Self-Defense Workshop
- \$tart \$mart WAGE Project Negotiation Training
- Generation X Meets the Millennials: Can it Work at Work? An Intergenerational Workshop
- Women in the Lead Series: Conflict Management, Meeting Management, and Time Management
- Good Sense Gourmet: Focus on Fad Diets
- Masculinity and What it Means
- After 100 Years, Robert's Rules Still Rule! A Robert's Rules Primer

LEADERSHIP IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

"I quite enjoyed interviewing people! It still made me nervous, but now I know I can do it"
 ~student team member

Our second Campus Action Project, *Dreams to Reality*, funded by the American Association of University Women, promoted education and awareness about financial equity for women. In a matter of weeks, our student team conducted an alumni survey, created a stunning documentary, and presented their project at a national student leadership conference. This project impacted over 500 students on campus. A formal report of the survey findings will be released in the fall of 2008. Contact us if you'd like a copy of the documentary!



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is an honor to further the cause of women's leadership at Alfred University, where women's education and advancement has always been a priority. I never cease to be inspired by the students I work with, the alumni I meet, and the University community we belong to. I know you will agree that there is no better way to honor our past than to pave the way for our future.



Amy Jacobson

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