

2020 Leadership Institute Announcement

After significant discussion and review of circumstances, we are sad to share that the 2020 Leadership Institute has been cancelled. This difficult decision was made in part due to uncertainties about the impact of COVID-19 on summertime travel and group interaction, but also because of a three-year decline in the number of applications by undergraduates to attend. This year alone we received about a fifth of the ideal number of applications deemed suitable to review and select a top-quality class. We understand the many college and university closures might have made it difficult for some students to complete their application, despite an extended 10-week window.

The Education team has chosen to take this sign of declining interest and/or availability to take time to think differently and strategically about LI. We know that Leadership Institute is and has always been a transformational educational experience for hundreds of Delta Sigs, and we are proud of that legacy. We have made significant positive changes to a number of our programs in recent years, including the popular new LEAD Weekend. We remain committed to continuing to offer LI as our pinnacle program after helping it evolve to better meet the needs and interests of our undergraduates.

Over the next several months, we will listen to you. We will solicit your feedback, engage undergraduates and program alumni in focus groups about programming, and identify a stronger model that challenges students to be Better Men. Any student who submitted a complete application this spring (including transcript, essay and reference letter) will have their materials automatically held for review in 2021, pending eligibility next summer.

Thank you for your continued support of LI, your understanding and your flexibility as we navigate this unique time.