This semester, the Illinois Leadership Center (ILC) is commemorating its 15th anniversary by counting down 15 reasons to celebrate the ILC. This week, we are highlighting the development of the Illinois Leadership Inventory (ILI).

As a result of the “Illinois Model of Leadership Education,” which was developed in 2014-2015, those of us involved in leadership education at Illinois knew we need to think big about ways we could engage Illinois students with the new competency based model. We define leadership across four levels of practice (Personal/Self, Interpersonal/Team, Organization, and Community/Society) and 21 leadership competencies. How could we create something that any Illinois student could use, even if they never came to our office or attended one of our programs?

Our idea was to create an instrument that would help a student to better understand themselves and their leadership competencies. Students can now go online to https://leadership.illinois.edu/ili/ and take the first two levels of the assessment. Over 800 students have completed the ILI thus far! If you are interested in viewing or taking the ILI, go to https://leadership.illinois.edu/ili/.

In addition to the students conducting a self-review, they may also ask others to complete a peer review on their behalf. When completed, students will be given a report that shows their competency level (beginner-developing-expert). The report will also offer them Illinois Leadership Programs they can attend, courses in their college which would help them with that specific competency, co-curriculars on campus they can participate in, and resources they can explore to learn more about that competency.

We anticipate the Organization and Community/Society modules being completed August 2018.

Reason #5 to celebrate the Illinois Leadership Center: The Illinois Leadership Inventory (ILI)!

To stay up to date with the commemoration of our 15th anniversary, be sure to visit leadership.illinois.edu/about/15.

To RSVP for our event celebrating 15 years of leadership follow this link: https://forms.illinois.edu/sec/440994.