



Engaging Alumni as Educators

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TO CELEBRATE THE ILLINOIS LEADERSHIP CENTER

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 contributions of our alumni who play an important role in our leadership education of Illinois students.

There are multiple ways that alumni have and continue to serve as educators for the Illinois Leadership Center. This includes serving as coaches in our Certificate Program, small group facilitators at i-Programs, cluster facilitators at the Institute by LeaderShape, and being featured speakers in our Alumni Leadership Workshops.

While each of the ways that alumni engage with our students in our programs is important, one of the experiences that seems to be extremely impactful for alumni and students is alumni serving as coaches for our Imprint i-Program. One of our alumni coaches has volunteered for ten of our Imprint i-Programs! Of the 29 Imprint coaches at this year's program, 100% of them are willing to come back and be a coach again next year!

Here are comments from two of this year's coaches about their favorite part of Imprint:

"I really enjoyed the conversation at my table of students. They were all very engaged and interested in learning about transitions. Each student participated and engaged in the dialogue and participated well. It was a great experience!"

"The interaction with the students about networking and branding. I honestly don't sit around thinking about these things, so it gave me the ability to verbalize something to the students that most people never communicate to them about. They are topics that most people don't think about until they are well out of college!"

As you can see from the two previous comments, our alumni are engaged leadership educators!

Reason #10 to celebrate the Illinois Leadership Center: Engaging Alumni as Educators!

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>