

Leadership is no Laughing Matter... Or is it?

With Dr. Alan Mueller

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Assistant Dean of Students for Activities, Leadership, and Intercultural Education at Salem College
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About Alan



- 7 and 2.16
- Husband of 20+ years - father of two amazing children (Lark and Charlie)
- Big fan of Drum and Bugle Corps
- I'm a coffee fanatic
- I love Disney World - and am now a part time Disney Travel Agent
- I own an Etsy Shop called Happy Place Signs
- I've lived all over NC
- I'm a member of two fraternities that aren't what you might assume
- I'm an Improv Comic at the Idiot Box

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Immigration White Privilege & Sesame Street Puppets



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Quick review of Leadership Theory

- Leadership is who you are (kings and queens)
You're quite literally "born" a leader
Born This Way - Extroverts and Introverts
- Leadership is the amount of influence you have over people (the stone cutter)
- Leadership is what you do and who you are

Model the Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clarify Values• Set the Example
Inspire a Shared Vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Envision the Future• Enlist Others
Challenge the Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search for Opportunities• Experiment and Take Risks
Enable Others to Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster Collaboration• Strengthen Others
Encourage the Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognize Contributions• Celebrate the Value and Victories

My namesake sleeping in his car

Guilford Colleges Career Center Mission

Space Shuttle (audience participation)

Seriffany

Love Languages

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Alan's Definition of Leadership

Leadership is the emergence of shared goals for the benefit of those involved & our world

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What is the emergence of shared goals?

The 10 Outcomes of an
Appalachian State University Education

Building Cathedrals

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What could competing goals be?

Personal Ego (my resume)
Group Ego (my department)
Mission Ego (my institution's goal)

Beta Omega Beta

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Mission Ego

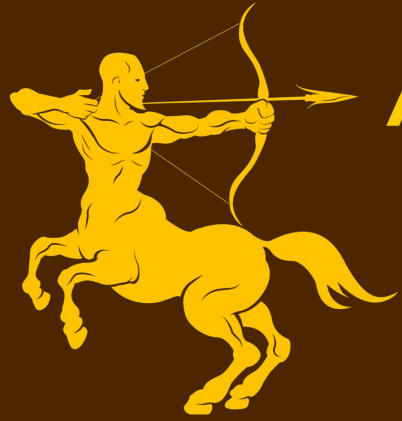
"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

Antoine de Saint-Exupery

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THANK YOU!

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