



**2021 Landmark University Student Council INDUCTION**

**ENGAGING DIPLOMACY IN  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP:  
IMPERATIVE FOR  
OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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# OBJECTIVE

To help participants understand the import of *diplomacy* in carrying out their *leadership responsibilities* as student leaders.

# OVERARCHING CONNOTATION OF TOPIC

- The place of Diplomacy in Leadership;
- What you must know and do as a Diplomat to lead successfully and outstandingly;
- What are the Diplomat's qualities that you must take into Leadership?;
- What are the benefits of being a diplomatic Leader?

## DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Diplomacy:** the profession, activity, or skill of managing international relations, typically by a country's representatives abroad;

- the art of dealing with people in a sensitive and tactful way;
- Being the connecting bridge between two people, groups, companies, countries, etc.

# DEFINITION OF TERMS

**Leadership:** the art of providing the lead for others to follow:

- Not a Title you bear;
- Not a Role or Position you occupy;
- Leadership is who you are and what you do;
- Showing the way and being the first to tread the path;
- Providing Mentorship for others;
- Providing positive, progressive, and value-adding guidance to those coming behind;
- Exemplifying values and virtues that are worthy of emulation;

# DIPLOMACY AND LEADERSHIP -THE LEADER'S MUST BE & DO

- **Knowledgeability** (for balance) – the system - proprietor's expectation, your roles, your students their rights, privileges and boundaries;
- **Skillful and effective communication** - oral, written & body languages; ability to engage and understand all forms of communications;
- **Strong negotiation skills** – understanding the place of compromise and concession; identify the influencers
- **Building Mutual Relationships** – foster mutual relationships between/amongst all parties

# DIPLOMACY AND LEADERSHIP -THE LEADER'S MUST BE & DO

- **Effective record keeping and retrieval – electronic (virtual & non-virtual) and physical records:** for reference in decision making;
- **Effectiveness:** ability to perform, ability to deliver on given assignment;
- **Efficiency** - timely delivery of assignment. Ability to deliver, as and when due in order to avoid administrative lapses. Seamless flow of information and activities;

# DIPLMACY AND LEADERSHIP -THE LEADER'S MUST BE & DO

- **Availability**- Non-availability makes one irrelevant and makes room for substitute to be sought out; -Understand the place of Privilege and the “*Mystery of being thought of*”
- **Proactive** – take actions within the ambience of your responsibility without being told by anyone; able to function with little or no supervision; light years ahead in thinking and action;
- **Responsiveness to assignments** – It is as commanded and not as convenient



# **BENEFITS OF ENGAGING DIPLOMACY IN LEADERSHIP**

- Peaceful ambience for functioning – reduced negative energies;***
- The people we lead connect better to what the system represent, hence have a better disposition towards the system;***
- Everyone feels a sense of belongingness and are ready to contribute to the growth and advancement of the system - Inclusivity;***
- Seamless activities - orderliness, minding of details;***

# BENEFITS OF ENGAGING DIPLOMACY IN LEADERSHIP

- ***Speed and progress;***
- ***Higher productivity and better results-  
collaborative, more agreeable and robust  
out puts;***
- ***Healthy team work;***
- ***Attainment of goals***

# FINAL WORD

Do not forget the main thrust of your organization – its Vision, Mission, Core Values. Never trade these on the platform of Diplomacy as there is always a thin line between Diplomacy and Unhealthy Compromise.

**Diplomacy** is the art  
of telling **people** to go to hell  
in such a way  
that they **ask for directions.**

*– Winston Churchill*





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