Student Testimonies

"The Red Hat Shelton Challenge was a great experience as it helped me grow even more as a leader than I ever thought I could. I've become a better person since leaving the Challenge. This experience is crucial for many young leaders because throughout the week you learn so much about yourself and develop skills that you wouldn't get anywhere else!"

— 2018 CHALLENGE GRADUATE

"The Challenge teaches you to step out of your comfort zone and try new things. This year I decided to join more academic and interest clubs at my school. This is something I've never really done in the past, but I'm glad I did! It has allowed me to expand my circle of friends, improve my public-speaking skills, and utilize my decision-making skills. The Shelton Challenge really inspired me to take this step."

— 2017 CHALLENGE GRADUATE

Mission: To create a family of students capable of excelling as values-based leaders focused on serving the community, inspiring others, and impacting the world.

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WHAT IS THE SHELTON CHALLENGE?

The Shelton Challenge is a six-day summer experience for rising 9th-12th grade students. Shelton's five cornerstones of values-based leadership — honesty, integrity, diversity, social responsibility, and compassion — are the foundations of the camp. The core curriculum focuses on Personal Leadership Assessment and Interpersonal Dynamics, Role of Values and Ethics in Leadership, Leadership Traits and Approaches, Team-building and Empowering Others, Social Responsibility, Public Speaking, and Goal Setting. Students will have the opportunity to complete a service project, experience a high and low ropes course, coordinate events for their fellow campers, learn from six inter-generational instructors from various professional fields, and build a network of fellow youth leaders from around the country.

Expected Outcomes of Program

- Model General Hugh Shelton's values-based leadership principles and traits inclusive of honesty, integrity, diversity, social responsibility, and compassion.

- Assess baselined leadership skills and preferred practices using Kouzes and Posner's "Leadership Practices Inventory" and a 360-degree reflective model while incorporating assigned leadership roles throughout the week.

- Identify important leadership traits and competencies such as interpersonal skills, leadership styles, needs and skills assessment, teamwork, goal orientation, motivating others, personal presence and public speaking, ethical decision making and changing behaviors.

- Engage in a youth-adult mentoring civic engagement model to enhance appreciation for social responsibility and inter-generational respect.

- Develop and practice skills related to self and team reflection to better understand deeper meanings while relating current experiences to future applications with the ultimate intent of continuous personal-quality improvement.

- Prepare a leadership self-development plan for accomplishment of short-term objectives and life-long goals.

Application Info

Requirements for Applicants

- Applicant must be a rising 9th-12th grade student with a GPA of 3.0 (unweighted) or higher.

Cost of Program

- $725.00 total (includes deposit, residence hall accommodations, meals at a campus dining hall, and use of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities).

- $100.00 deposit that will be deducted from total fee. *Note:* Deposit is non-refundable after application deadline (June 1 for June camps; July 1 for July camps).

- Complete payment is due prior to the start of the program.

- Scholarships may be available.

Registration Process

- Online Application: *sheltonleadership.ncsu.edu*

- To request a paper application, please contact the Shelton Leadership Center
Email: *sheltonchallenge@ncsu.edu*
Return completed application to:
Attn: Red Hat Shelton Challenge
NC State University, Shelton Leadership Center
Campus Box 7133, Raleigh, NC 27695-7133

- Once our office receives the *application, deposit, and all references*, application will be processed within three weeks of that date. The applicant will receive an initial notification letter and an information packet to return to our office. We will continue to communicate with the applicant up to the program date with additional information.

If you are a person with a disability and desire assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this program, please contact the Shelton Leadership Center to discuss accommodations at least two weeks prior to the event.

Other Site Locations

For more information on sites offering the Shelton Challenge program, please see details and visit our website.
- Hampden-Sydney College Shelton Challenge, June 23 - 28, 2019
- NC Wesleyan College Shelton Challenge, July 7-12,2019
- Methodist University Shelton Challenge, July 14-19, 2019