LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE

The Leadership Training Institute (LTI) is a four year signature program that empowers students to become civic minded, self-reliant, service driven adults. The LTI student is a curious thinker who is excited by opportunities to learn, explore, and consistently meet challenges.

Students in this program take a leadership course each year and IB/AP classes throughout their high school careers with the option to earn an IB Diploma.

PRINCIPLES OF LTI

- Engage in the classroom and LTI related events (e.g. dress days, team building trip, leadership conferences, annual retreat)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA utilizing academic support as needed
- Complete a minimum of 200 hours of community service
- Use sound moral judgment at school and in the community

Undergraduate Student Katherine Romero Began Public Leadership Journey in High School

When undergraduate student Katherine Romero was in high school, she joined the Leadership Training Institute (LTI) at John F. Kennedy High School, and through that experience she developed a passion for leadership. She continued that passion by participating in the University of Maryland School of Public Policy’s Public Leadership Program and Rawlings Undergraduate Leadership Fellows Program.

“After my involvement in LTI, I knew that leadership was something I wanted to continue to grow in,” Romero said. “The Public Leadership Program seemed like a gradual continuation of what I learned in LTI, it took my development to the next level and really challenged me.”

Romero said in high school she met Nina Harris, SPP assistant dean of undergraduate studies. “Her students from the Rawlings Program were working alongside us to put on a leadership conference,” she said. “I was able to see firsthand that the students weren’t just sitting in a classroom being lectured at but were encouraged to be hands-on. That experience inspired me to apply to the Rawlings Program during my sophomore year at Maryland.”

“I had a great experience as a Rawlings Fellow,” Romero added. “Dr. Harris always made herself available to her students and really took the time to listen to us and give great advice. She was really adamant about providing us with a safe space to talk about the social issues that are impacting our community and she always encouraged us to think outside the box and come up with potential solutions.”