



### E.P.I.C.

## “Encouraging Patriots In Christ”

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

In many Christian schools around the nation — whether primary, secondary, collegiate, or graduate — the idea of servant leadership is, unfortunately, treated as an addition to the academic programs offered by the school. It becomes school + Jesus, and the people who are graduated from these institutions may have a biblical or Christian worldview but basically look the same as those who graduated from a secular institution.

At Freedom Christian Academy, we believe that while an admirable start, this approach is not enough. If Jesus is truly our Lord, then there can be no area of our lives that stands apart from him. The LORD is not something to be “tacked on” to whatever we are doing. So, what does that look like at FCA? It is not just about “spiritual formation.” It is about the transformation of hearts through the renewing of minds. It is about forming radical “disciples of Jesus...who, communally, take up the creational task of being God’s image bearers...” It is E.P.I.C.- Encouraging Patriots in Christ. It is about living a transformed life and encouraging it in others. It is about creating a new culture here at FCA.

At FCA, we want our servant leadership program to not just be a program added to the curriculum. Servant leadership is at the very core of who we are. It is a responsibility taken up by teachers in the classroom, students in the hallways, coaches at games and practices, families at special events, and administrators in how the school is run and operated. Servant leadership cannot be separated into an add-on program, because it permeates everything we do. Our interest is in helping students become true servant leaders for Christ — not just adults who have a Christian worldview.

While we believe that servant leadership happens in every area of our school, there are specific programs created at FCA to help facilitate this kind of transformation. Our goal is for every person — faculty, staff, student, Board member, administrator, coach, etc. — to be actively disciplined in some way.

- **Mission Statement**

The Leadership Program is a student led **servant leadership** ministry of Freedom Christian Academy. Each student leader will **qualify** through a selection process and then be trained to **mentor** a small group that will build relationships and community among the student body. Throughout each month, the student led small groups will have the opportunity to meet together to **encourage each other**, *study God’s Word, grow in their daily walk with Christ*, share prayer concerns and hold each other accountable as they do life together as a fellow Patriot. Throughout the school year, each small group will also be given opportunities to share testimonials during chapel, perform community outreach projects, and mentor the younger Patriot generation.



- **The Vision**

Imagine a school where a student is motivated to do his or her very best in response to his or her love for God. Whether it is in academics, athletics, fine arts, etc., a student's lone drive would be to commit all his or her might to doing the best that he or she can as a means of expressing his or her love for God. Take academics for example. Because students realize and believe that their minds are more than a storage unit for information, they become life-long learners of truth. Academics become more than transcripts for successful completion of high school and necessities for entrance to college. In this environment, the mind is not "checked-at-the-door" for ignorant and naïve religious indoctrination, but rather clear and well-developed wisdom and knowledge are looked upon as an achievement in expressing gratitude to the provider of all Truth.

Interwoven into this sold-out and relentless pursuit of excellence is a heartfelt passion for our fellow man. As a means of expressing their love for God, students welcome and seize the opportunities to meet the needs of others. Imagine, upon completion of high school, students who have had the opportunities to reach out and touch lives locally, nationally, and internationally. Imagine what it would be like if students were able to begin to shift the focus from "What does this world have to offer me?" to "What do I have to offer this world?" What if students entered the world after graduation better knowing what gifts and talents they possess and how they could possibly offer these in their careers?

What if students began to capture and integrate the aforementioned to the point in which they too felt the need to make sure those who follow them know the magnitude of traveling this path of life? Would the lives of students in such a school be different? What would their impact on the world be? If this is possible, could this not bridge the gap of what Jesus taught discipleship to be and what it has become? With this in mind, "Come, follow me" (Mark 1:17) takes back its original meaning. This is the potential of the Servant Leadership Program at Freedom Christian Academy.



## E.P.I.C. APPLICATION

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#### SERVANT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Years at FCA \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL  
(adult sizes)

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in being an officer within the student leadership program? If so, circle which position.

President (12<sup>th</sup> only)      Vice-President (11<sup>th</sup> only)      Secretary      Treasurer      Chaplain

Please check any prior leadership experience and list year(s) out to the side:

- Children's Worker/VBS \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunday School Assistant \_\_\_\_\_
- Camp Counselor \_\_\_\_\_
- Team Captain/Co-captain \_\_\_\_\_
- Student Council \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Assistant/Teacher's Aid \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



# FREEDOM

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

What are some changes you would like to see at FCA? Please list in order of importance/priority in your opinion:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_



**FREEDOM**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**E.P.I.C.**  
**PERSONAL CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

**In the space below, please give your personal Christian Testimony explaining how you know for sure and certain that you will one day spend eternity in Heaven. Please sign and date at the end.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**FREEDOM**  
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

**E.P.I.C. LEADERSHIP ESSAY**  
**“Why I want to be a SERVANT LEADER”**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, please explain, in essay form, why you would like to be considered for a position on the Freedom Servant Leadership Team and why you feel you would be a good fit for this position.

Please sign and date at the end of your essay.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## E.P.I.C. PASTOR RECOMMENDATION

I am the Pastor/Youth Pastor of \_\_\_\_\_, who is applying for Freedom's Servant Leadership Program. I have been acquainted with the above candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Candidate attends the following: (check all that apply)

- Sunday School
- Sunday AM/PM Worship Service
- Mid-Week Service
- Youth Group
- Youth Activities

Candidate attends the selected events:

- Seldom
- Occasionally
- Faithfully

Based on my observation, I feel this candidate exemplifies a strong testimony, desire to grow spiritually and great leadership ability to lead and disciple others in their walk with the Lord, encourage them to make God-honoring life choices and pray with and for them throughout their discipleship process.

Check the most accurate answer based on the above statement:

- I strongly agree.
- I slightly agree.
- I disagree.
- I strongly disagree.

I recommend this candidate as a Servant Leader:

Enthusiastically    With reservation    I cannot in good conscience recommend this candidate

Additional Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## E.P.I.C. FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

Name of Servant Leadership Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been acquainted with the above candidate for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

I am acquainted with the above candidate (check all that apply):

AT SCHOOL/IN CLASS:

Frequently

Seldom

Not at all

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL (family, friends, church etc.):

Frequently

Seldom

Not at all

What would you say is this student's leadership strength? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What would you say is this student's leadership weakness? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please comment briefly on the maturity, testimony, attitude, etc. of the above named candidate for the position for which they have applied. Give your opinion in the Lord, based on your contact with this person, of the kind of representative/leader of our school you believe this person would be.

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Faculty's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_