

Why Should You Participate?

- ◆ **Network** with current women leaders from the state of Oklahoma and build the groundwork for your future success.
- ◆ Learn **leadership skills** from women with elected, appointed, and other valuable experience in Oklahoma politics and government.
- ◆ Hear from **women leaders** whose work has shaped politics and policy making in Oklahoma.
- ◆ Develop **team building skills** by working as a group through a series of workshops, discussions, a campaign simulation, and an action project.
- ◆ Learn of the challenges and sensitivities required to work effectively in an increasingly **diverse society**.
- ◆ **Discover interesting career opportunities and internships** in politics and public service.
- ◆ Learn the importance of **electing women** into public office and the power that women have to create real change in their communities.



Educating, Inspiring, Empowering Women to Become Political Leaders

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N.E.W. LEADERSHIP
The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center
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National Education for Women's Leadership May 19–23, 2009

A five-day residential leadership program for college women in Oklahoma, designed to address the historic under-representation of women in politics, public service, & other leadership roles.



2008 N.E.W. Leadership Class

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What is N.E.W. Leadership?

N.E.W. Leadership is an annual five-day residential institute designed specifically for undergraduate women. It will take place **May 19-23, 2009** on the University of Oklahoma campus. Its purpose is to inform and empower participants to pursue careers in politics and public service. The curriculum includes hands-on projects and group exercises as well as keynote speakers and panels featuring Oklahoma women officeholders, public administrators, candidates, advocates, and activists. **N.E.W. Leadership** participants spend one day at the Oklahoma State Capitol and attend a reception honoring women in government.



To date, 228 undergraduate women have graduated from the **N.E.W. Leadership** program. Many of these women have gone on to attend top graduate and law schools, accept jobs in politics and the public sector, or work in the nonprofit world.

The **N.E.W. Leadership** program has been honored each year since 2002 by *The Journal Record* as a *Program Making a Difference* at its annual "Woman of the Year" celebration.

Why N.E.W. Leadership?

In today's modern world, women have made great strides in every imaginable field, including areas where men have traditionally led. **However, women are still significantly under-represented in every area of politics and government.** Oklahoma ranks 49th in the number of women serving in the state legislature, and has not yet elected a female governor or U.S. senator.



The goal of **N.E.W. Leadership** is to address the historic under-representation of women in politics and positions of leadership by providing Oklahoma undergraduate students with the opportunity to meet, interact and network with others who share their interest in politics and public service. The program will provide participants with information about how they can help shape Oklahoma's political frontier while discovering the many opportunities and careers available as a future leader.



Who Should Apply?

Application to **N.E.W. Leadership** is open to all undergraduate students in Oklahoma as well as Oklahoma residents attending colleges outside the state. Students who are interested in politics and leadership are encouraged to apply. Students should demonstrate leadership potential, an interest in public or community service, and a desire to learn. Approximately 30 undergraduates representing a variety of universities, majors, class years, ethnicities, geographic locations, economic, and personal backgrounds will be selected to participate. **Selected students must attend the five-day conference in its entirety.**



How to Apply?

Students may apply online at:
www.ou.edu/carlalbertcenter/leadership/2009application.htm
Questions? Contact Katie Fitzgerald, Director of Women's Leadership Initiative, at (405) 325-6372 or kfitzgerald@ou.edu.

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Online Application

Now Available:

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Application Deadline:

March 5, 2009

N.E.W. Leadership is an educational program sponsored by the Carl Albert Center's Women's Leadership Initiative.



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National Partnership

N.E.W. Leadership is a program of the University of Oklahoma's Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center. The Center is a non-partisan institution concerned with advancing scholarship, learning and service to strengthen representative democracy. It offers undergraduate and graduate programs in congressional studies and sponsors a number of related civic education projects. The Center is a partner in the NEW Leadership Development Network, an initiative of the Center for American Women and Politics/ Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University.



Faculty-in-Residence

A special feature of the **N.E.W. Leadership** program is the involvement of three Faculty-in-Residence (FIRS) who live on campus during the program, participate in all activities and provide mentorship to the students. Past FIRS have included elected officials, tribal legislators, nonprofit leaders, political activists, community advocates, and educators.

