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“A Leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way” is an inspiring quote by John C. Maxwell who is a popular author and leadership coach. Leadership is an important quality that only the most sophisticated people understood the potential of this quality. Leadership is not a one-day learned habit but it is a lifetime journey. Leaders are people who help themselves and others to do the right thing by setting a direction towards success. These people are the ones who understand the importance of creation, innovation and possess plenty of management skills. A leader is not born but trained; therefore, it is a skill that every student should develop to exhibit visionary thinking. Students who practice leadership skills can maintain or improve current performance, build, and coach a team, create an inspiring vision while being dynamic and exciting.

There are several advantages of acquiring leadership skills. Leaders are the most sought after by a company because leaders have good management skills which increase the productivity of the company. For instance, a football team with a good leader, who encourages the team to perform better and provides clever game strategies is the most likely to produce the winning team. Therefore, cultivating leadership skills during university years will make a student stand out while finding a good position of employment. Furthermore, learning leadership skills create a platform where students learn the importance of responsibility, discipline, proficient coordination, and interaction between individuals and competent communication expertise. Also, the most crucial benefit is that a good leader earns the respect of his peers instead of demanding it. These are some of the many reasons a student should hone their leadership skills.

Since we discussed the advantages of sharpening student’s leadership skills, we now explore the ways to acquire these skills. One of the many ways is participating in leadership seminars presented by prominent individuals in society to pass down their knowledge to upcoming generations of students. These types of seminars help students to be inspired by the talk and broaden their existing knowledge about leadership. In addition to that students may

volunteer to be the class leader or team leader to enhance their leadership skills. As discussed above this type of position would teach the student accountability and responsibility thus this would also enable the students to practice their communication and interaction skills. Besides that, students are also encouraged to initiate a campaign for noble causes, volunteer to be an event planner, or start a freelance group. This approach would strengthen a student's management skills. Moreover, by doing this a student would encounter many people with different personalities and intentions. Subsequently, a student would learn to be flexible, open-minded, and more tolerant towards diverse masses. Open-minded thinking is very important for a leader to view things from different perspectives and accept various ideas from society. In short, students should be more diligent in developing their leadership skills by pursuing some of the discussed activities.

In conclusion, leadership is an indispensable piece of human existence. Leaders are evident in families, in schools, in working environments, in social gatherings, and in one's own life. Undoubtedly, everybody should be a leader as he develops into a grown-up and settles on choices for himself. What makes an individual effective in such a manner is his capacity to challenge, make, accomplish, motivate, stimulate, evaluate, and eventually choose what is best for both himself and for his devotees on the off chance that he is in a situation to have them. Leadership skills can be developed from an early age and are impacted both by natural talents and abilities and by personal experiences. Schools and youth programs can help train children and adolescents in acquiring leadership skills. Families and friends offer a social structure in which youth can rehearse and exhibit leadership qualities and develop into a responsible adult capable of gathering information and making a good judgment. In this essay, we discovered the utmost importance of leadership skills in a student's life. Practicing leadership skills while studying in university provides several benefits to the student's future endeavors. Leadership is a quality that turns an ordinary person into a prominent member of society. Hence a student should start cultivating their leadership skills as early as possible because better late than never.

REFLECTION

NAFI AHMED: Leadership roles and teamwork are two of the most crucial skills to have for better employment in future. When an individual gets hired, they are expected to work in projects, which are impossible to do alone so they work in teams. For the project to maintain its quality and so that it gets finished within the due date, leaders are required. A good leader dictates how well the project will turn out to be. Because of this, employers put such emphasis on hiring individuals who are comfortable with leadership roles. I am grateful we have learnt so much about leadership roles within this course and I am especially grateful to Dr. Rasheed.

DACHIYANI MOGAN: The individuals who are comfortable taking leaderships roles are highly sought after, by employers. This is a skill which is high on demand, but not many harnesses the ability. So, the students, who take leadership roles frequently during university life, get comfortable with it and when they get hired for work after university life, surpasses those that did not take leadership roles.

MEHEDI HASAN: Whenever there is an opportunity to take leadership roles, I do not miss out the chance because of its importance. Even during my school life, I have been lucky enough to take leadership roles several times. Being experienced in leadership roles, causes an individual to take better and wiser decisions. This causes the individual to flourish both in work life and personal life. Wiser decisions cause the individual to look from multiple perspectives, and this leads a path to a brighter future.