

"What did you learn from today's conference and how will you apply it to your life?"

As I walked into the meeting today I knew what it meant to be a leader but as I left the meeting I had a different perception of what it was to be a leader. Not only did I leave with a better understanding but I also realized that I have leadership potential. The choices that I make qualify me as a leader. I have gained and learned from other people's experience. Life is what you make of it and you don't sit around waiting for things to be handed to you. You need to be persistent in order to accomplish the most in life.

Life to me is a competition. Everyone is fighting to be there and I know that will keep me in the game of life. I believe that is true because I have seen that people can't get anywhere with perseverance. It means so much more when people tell you exactly what they have gone through in their lives. Today I learned many things, but the one that really is glued in my mind was that nothing is handed to you in life and you need to be strong and always be persistent.

An example of the way that I am being persistent would be my extracurricular activities. I participate in many programs in which I have to balance these programs with school, clubs and other programs. I never quit because I know it is in my best interest and they are preparing me to be a better leader. I will also be inspiring someone to be like me. I don't quit when times get tough or when I feel there is no where to turn. Through perseverance I stand erect as a leader and I try to accomplish the most of what life offers me.

Difficult things may come your way but you become a leader when you can stand right back up and brush it off your shoulders. Today I learned I am a leader. At times things come my way and make me think twice about my self. I overcome those obstacles. Today I have learned that being a leader is fun and seems easy, but it is not easy. It will not be handed to me if I am not willing to get up and work hard to become a leader by myself.

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