



Round Square Round Up



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IDEALS of the month!

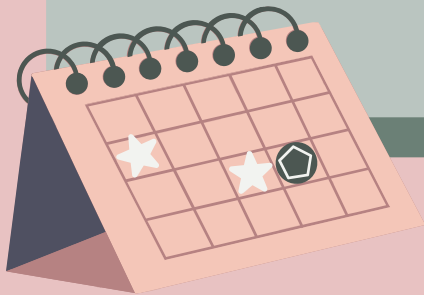
LEADERSHIP

A spirit of leadership is found in those whose convictions are rooted in personal responsibility, kindness and justice. It recognises that successful leaders are driven by a desire to be of service to others and to nurture, guide, develop and help them to improve and succeed.

A range of leadership skills are marshalled and employed to influence and enlist the support of individuals, teams or communities in the achievement of a shared objective.

Strategic thinking and analysis of both the current situation and the objective enable the creation of a route map for achieving that objective. Self-belief and an ability to gather and process ideas, set direction, and create and share a vision that is exciting and dynamic inspires others to take action and to share ownership. The capacity to generate a sense of belonging in others leads to team members feeling valued for their contributions and taking pride in their efforts and achievements.

A person living out a spirit of leadership demonstrates personal literacy in understanding and employing both their own skills and abilities and those of their team to the greatest effect. Self-confidence, determination, motivation, intuitive decision-making, persuasion and negotiation and creative problem solving are all in evidence as is the ability to spot opportunities and take calculated risks. Self-awareness and emotional-literacy allow for confident tempering, analysis and expression of emotions both for the leader and those that they lead.



For: 8th grade

Sign up to plan Earth Day activities and celebrations for Earth Day week in April!

When: 19-25 September, 2022

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Past Events

COFFEE WITH LEADERS - PEGGY LIU

On the 26th of February, Grade 11 students Sanaa Beriwalla and Anagha Srinivasan participated an exclusive 'Coffee with Leaders' session with Peggy Liu - TIME Hero of the Environment, Chairperson of JUUCE, and Green Goddess of China. Peggy Liu guided the students on her 'tornado learning' philosophy of harmony, mirco learnings and celebrations. As she said, "imagine your ideal world in the minutest of details and make that vision a reality!".

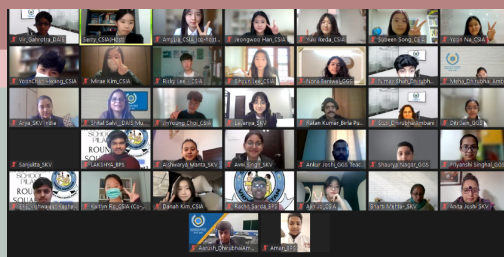


ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS: NECESSARY EVIL?

CheongShim International, South Korea:

A collaboration

Grade 7 students Meha Sanghvi, Aarush Maroo, Vir Gahrotra, Nimay Shah and Stuti Valia along with Miss Shital Salvi attended a 2 hour virtual collaboration on the theme 'The use of life in scientific studies'. Each school presented their views on animal testing which was followed by a debate and rebuttal round.



UNDERSTANDING UNCONCIOUS BIAS

St. Cyprians, South Africa: A Postcard

On the 16th of February 2022 a Round Square virtual Postcard with the theme "Understanding Unconscious Bias" was hosted by St. Cyprian's School in South Africa. DAIS year 11 students Sriya Bodapati, Ira Kulkarni, Suryansha Sheth, Aashna Parikh and Aisha Patel along with Ms. Shabari Kar interacted with 140 students from 10 different countries. The students engaged in an enriching discussion about different types of bias and how it affects everyday life.



FRENCH LANGUAGE LAB

Elaraki School, Morocco: A Language Lab

On 3rd February, 'French Language Lab' - was hosted by Elaraki School, Morocco where DAIS students Aditya Ramanathan, Tanisha Joshi, Reya Mehendale, and Kiara Maniar from 9A, along with Ms. Sanika Vaze, interacted with 54 students across 8 countries.

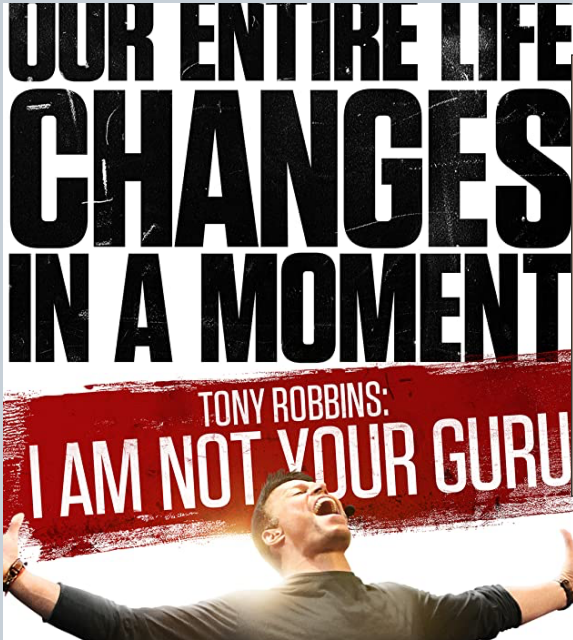
Students engaged in detailed discussions on the topic of global music, and French, students were able to work on their speaking and listening skills.

FOR MORE VISIT THE ROUND SQUARE SECTION OF OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Read to Lead!

TRIPLE TROUBLE!

A Documentary, A Podcast, and A TED Talk

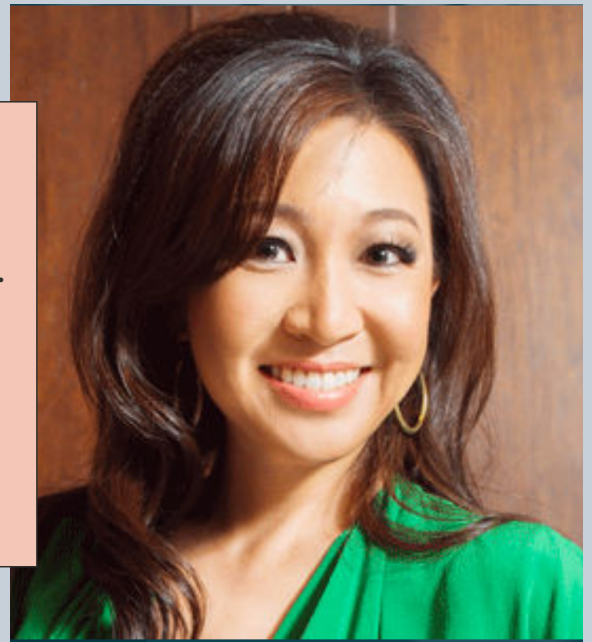


Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru: Netflix.

A behind the scenes look of Tony Robbins' mammoth seminar Date With Destiny, attended by over 2,500 people in Boca Raton, Florida, each year, giving an insider look at how one man can affect millions.

Episode 63: Winks From the Universe with Peggy Liu
A podcast with Barry O'Reilly in Conversation with Peggy Liu about building momentum for change and how to recognize when the universe is winking at you. Insights into tornado leadership and a philosophy on change-making and leadership that is beyond unique.

<https://barryoreilly.com/explore/podcast/winks-from-the-universe-with-peggy-liu/>



A TED talk by Jim Lemoine on What is Leadership? A Story, a surprising answer!

https://www.ted.com/talks/jim_lemoine_what_is_leadership_a_story_and_a_surprising_answer :

MUSIC, MAZES, AND MOTIVATION

Roar - Katy Perry

Whatever it takes - Imagine Dragons

Unstoppable - Sia

Fight Song - Rachel Platten

Confident - Demi Lovato

Firework Katy Perry

Superheroes - The Script

Brave - Sara Bareilles

Unstoppable - The Score

We could be heroes - alessa

Hall of Fame - The Script

Better than we found it - Marren Morris

Take Care of Yourself - Maisie Peters



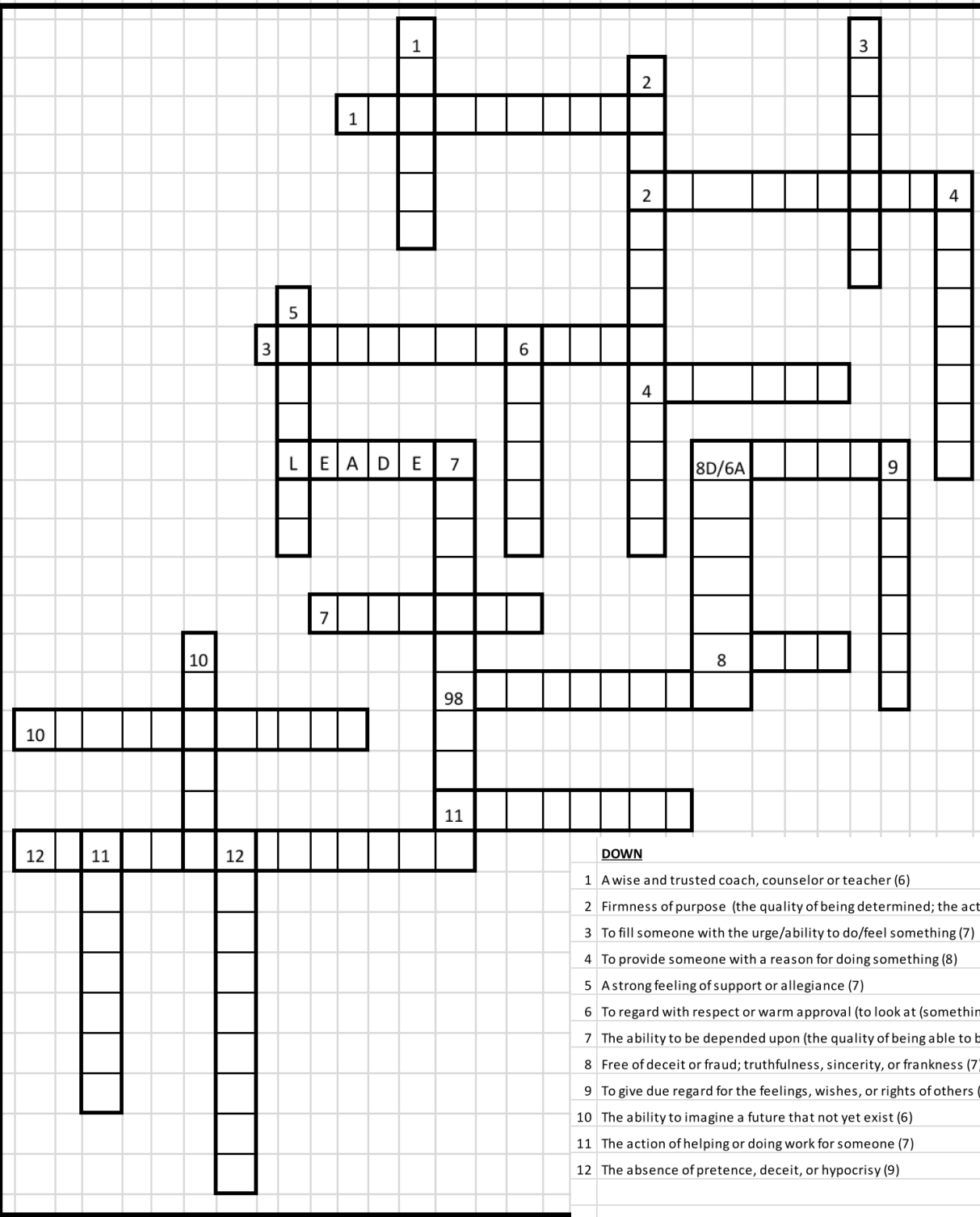
"A leader is one who, out of the clutter, brings simplicity... out of discord, harmony... and out of difficulty, opportunity" - Albert Einstein

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader" - John Quincy Adams

"The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails."
-John Maxwell

A leader is a dealer in hope. —Napoleon Bonaparte

MUSIC, MAZES, AND MOTIVATION



DOWN

- 1 A wise and trusted coach, counselor or teacher (6)
- 2 Firmness of purpose (the quality of being determined; the act of coming to a decision) (13)
- 3 To fill someone with the urge/ability to do/feel something (7)
- 4 To provide someone with a reason for doing something (8)
- 5 A strong feeling of support or allegiance (7)
- 6 To regard with respect or warm approval (to look at (something impressive/attractive) with pleasure) (6)
- 7 The ability to be depended upon (the quality of being able to be trusted/believed/relied upon) (11)
- 8 Free of deceit or fraud; truthfulness, sincerity, or frankness (7)
- 9 To give due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others (9)
- 10 The ability to imagine a future that not yet exist (6)
- 11 The action of helping or doing work for someone (7)
- 12 The absence of pretence, deceit, or hypocrisy (9)

ACROSS

- 1 Full trust; belief in the powers; trustworthiness; reliability of a person or thing (10)
- 2 The ability to show a keen interest in a subject or an activity and a readiness to get involved (10)
- 3 To impart/exchange information, by speaking, writing or using some other medium (13)
- 4 To focus one's hopes/ambitions towards achieving something (6)
- 5 Someone who creates an inspiring vision of the future; motivates, inspires people to engage with that vision; coaches and builds a team, so that it is more effective at achieving the vision (6)
- 6 The quality of knowing and doing what is morally right; held in high respect; hold in great esteem (6)
- 7 The ability to do something that frightens one; bravery; strength in the face of pain or grief (7)
- 8 The skill and sensitivity to deal with others/with difficult issues (4)
- 9 The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles (9)
- 10 To behave (act/do) in the same way, over time (11)
- 11 The combined action of a group, especially when effective and efficient (8)
- 12 The state/fact of being accountable; the state/fact of having a duty to deal with something/of having control over (14)

Arishka Betadpur
Grade 6

Articles

LEADERSHIP!

Everyone is born with the capability to be a leader. Leadership requires nothing more than awareness, empathy, passion and determination, which are human qualities that we all have. Yet, there are so many of us who don't realise our true potential. A leader is someone who works enthusiastically for something they are zealous and aware about. Leadership is giving a voice to those who are too scared, or don't know how to use it and improving the lives of the people around them. Being a leader is not an easy task; one has to work hard, make mistakes and correct them countless times before getting the hang of it. It is something very special as it gives you the ability to influence and encourage others.

Leadership is not merely a title or position; it is an example that inspires others. It is about teaching those who don't know and helping those who are too afraid. It is about creating an impact and making sure that the world that we leave behind, is better than the one we inherited.

by Riddima Sampat
Grade 8

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"LEADERSHIP
IS
AN
ACTION,
NOT
A
POSITION"
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On Leadership...

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." One sentence, a sentence which makes me want to wake up every day just to be the better me. A leader is not one who rules over others, but one who inspires passion into people's heart.

There are numerous aspects Round Square has awoken in me but, most prominently I can thank Round Square for giving me the precise opportunities to enhance my leadership skills. As a Round Square member, the word 'leadership' runs within my veins. Not just hosting events gives me leadership qualities, but it is the way I guide a group to the right path and help achieve the best quality of presentation. Leading groups in Round Square has sparked a fire in me to lead others outside a certain circle and be the first to raise my voice. It made me more aware of what I speak, what I do, why I do and how I do. It's the thrill of being the person to pitch in ideas and help introduce the individuals around me into the world of what I think. Any wall too high, comes up short when I apply the skills, I've learnt in the past two years. The enhancement of my leadership skills brings a comfort to others, because when it all goes wrong, they have someone to lean back on and, nothing brings me more pride when someone realises that the high isn't too high and low isn't too low because of me.

These experiences are few that I will never let go of. No amount of words will ever be enough to express my gratitude towards Round Square, not only did it enlighten me but, it gave me new faith in humanity.

by Vaniya Lalwani
Grade 7

The "Spirit of Leadership" and Me

When I attended my first Round Square Postcard (Mar'21), the only Round Square ideal that resonated was the Spirit of Adventure, as the crackling excitement of interacting with like-minded people of my age group was not only thrilling, it felt like a 'once in a lifetime opportunity'!

While planning to host the Round Square "Colours of India" Postcard, (Oct'21), I witnessed all the 6 Round Square IDEALS in play - the best part was that each ideal came together, almost magically, during our interactions.

For me, the essence of the "Spirit of Leadership" started with that memorable web session with Mr. Duncan (Round Square International). He made each one of us feel like "leaders" - special and worthy!

While he spoke in his typical British accent and dry sense of humour, Mr. Duncan showcased that we were driven by the desire to be of service to others, while being nurtured, guided and constantly improving ourselves (our skills and talents) and succeeding!

Hosting Round Square Postcards is about being creative; taking ownership of tasks; doing whatever it takes to get them done well; consistently show up on the 430pm call, every single day; work with a supremely multi-talented team; being enrolled to the vision and celebrating its success (and how!).

In hindsight, I have come to realise that each one of those activities that the team performed were the stepping stones, in the journey of become a great participative leader. Our Round Square Mentors (teachers & seniors) are the epitome of effective leaders, as they have led by example. We have had the privilege to observe and learn from them.

Thank You, Round Square for quietly (but surely) igniting the fires of Leadership and team work within me!



by Arishka Betadpur
Grade 6

I Will Lead!

by Devika Joshi
Grade 4



“Whaaaaaat!” I practically screamed when I heard the news. I couldn’t believe it, I was selected to be a Cub Captain!

It all started when my parents told me I had to join a virtual call for a school project, and so when I saw the meeting was titled “Meeting with Miss Taraporevala”, I was suspicious. “Mom, how come Miss Taraporevala is joining a call for a school project?” I asked nervously.

“I’m sure she just wants to check in on you kids,” said my mom. I took a deep breath in and pressed ‘join’ on the computer. Miss Taraporevala and Miss Mahrookh were there, and so were a few other kids. I recognized Vaishnav, Ria and Rehaan from my class. That’s when I realized the fact that Ria, Vaishnav, Rehaan and I are in different houses. Putting the pieces together, I tried very hard not to scream out loud. Was.....I.....a.....?????? Thoughts raced in my mind. I had to mute myself so I could squeal anyway. I was being presumptuous!

But I was right, my name was announced as the Cub Captain of the Panther House, my house. Yippee!!!!!! My heart did a cartwheel.

But instantly I realized that once the excitement was done with, there was work to be done. Challenges to be met and I now had to lead my team. The responsibility was both scary and exciting. But as I move on, I will learn to be an inspiring and motivating leader, a leader who will lead, but not overpower others.



Leadership to ME

As a leader, I would take on the role of the 'Green Eye'. I would encourage my classmates to stop using plastic, as far as possible. I would talk to each of them about the harm that plastic causes to our surroundings and to our green planet. I would brainstorm with them about how they can substitute plastic with other eco-friendly materials. Along with my classmates, I would try and launch a campaign in our residential buildings to stop plastic usage. I would also work with them to come up with lots of creative ideas to convince a larger number of people to do the same. This is the need of the hour and my calling as a LEADER!



by Adi Pavor
Grade 4

Leadership to me is.....


Being a leader does not mean bossing everyone around. It is about sportsmanship, teamwork, and coordination. A good leader is not arrogant and rude, he is inspiring and original.

A good leader leads and carries the team towards goals. He does not forget about anyone and always makes sure that the team works in a calm environment.

"Good leaders can be the change we want to see in the world!"

by Vivaan Doshi
Grade 4





In the words of APJ Abdul Kalam Azad, “Let me define a leader. He must have vision and passion and not be afraid of any problem. Instead, he should know how to defeat it. Most importantly, he must work with Integrity.”

I am in agreement with the above definition:

A Leader must be:

- encouraging
- a good orator
- honest
- creative

Importance of Leadership:

The importance of good leadership is the ability to guide, inspire and motivate people to take initiative, inspire confidence, contribute to higher productivity and maintain good values.

by Aaradhya Bachchan
Grade 4

A Leader and Leadership

Being a leader is an honour,
It comes with responsibility and power,
It is all about helping others soar and fly,
And not hovering around dreaming of the sky.

It is about you and me,
It is about visions we can see,
It is about guiding and encouraging others,
To work side by side like sisters and brothers.

Leaders help and write new stories,
Leaders keep aside their own worries,
Becoming a leader is my dream,
Working together with my team!

by Vaishnav Gupta
Grade 4



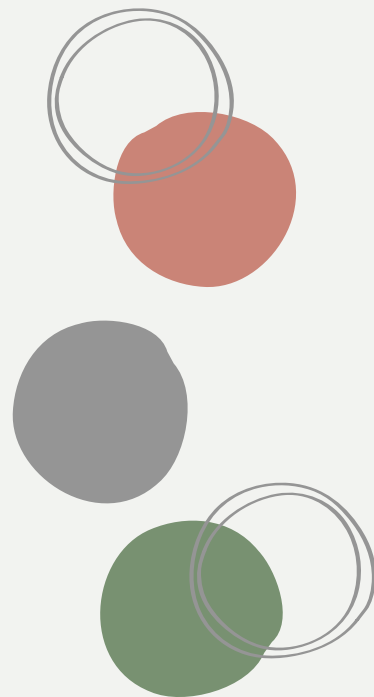
The Day I Became Cub Captain

I was driving around in a car,
Staring ahead not so far,
And then I heard what my mother
said,
I jumped up and nearly broke my
head.

When I got the news,
I felt I blew a fuse,
I would be the new Cub Captain?
And even wear a special pin,
What I felt was not relaxation,
Surprise and happiness, maybe a
little distraction.

What do I think about leadership?
It's something quite interesting,
Is it more important than
friendship?
I don't know, I'm still waiting!

by Rehaan Dhandhia
Grade 4



What does leadership mean to me?

Leadership to me is to organize the talent around you and to be clear about the outcome, yet have a relaxed journey. Leadership to me is to gain an exemplary outcome but also create leaders among the people you are leading, by being an inspiration others can look up to.

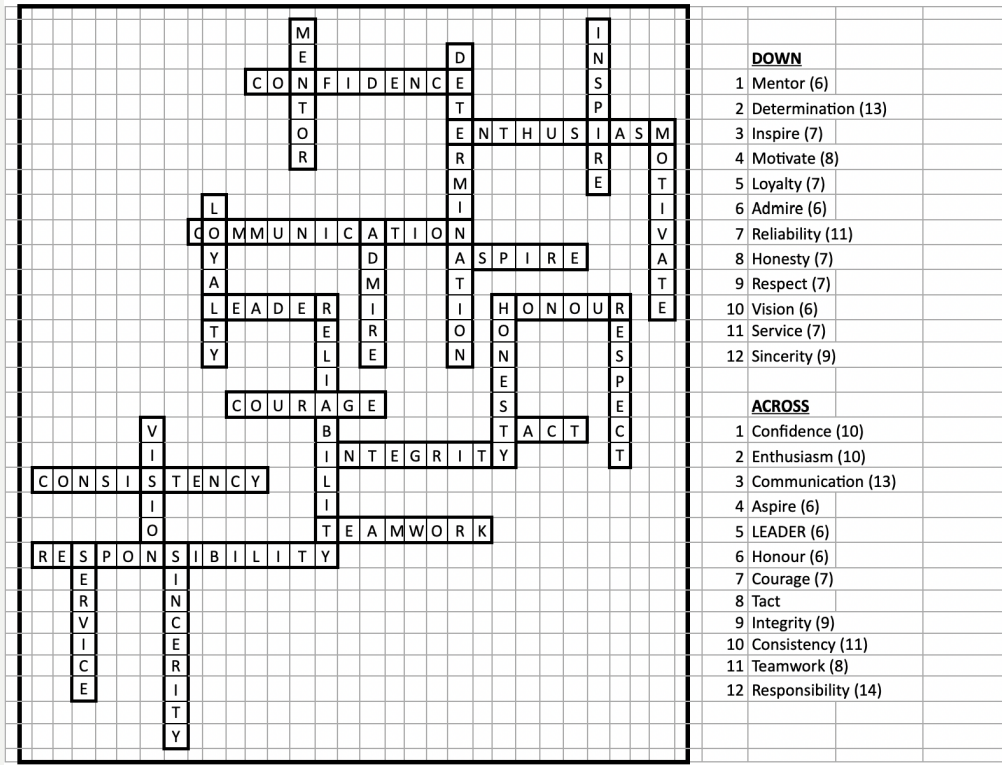
Actions speak louder than words, hence leadership to me is to lead by example. Leadership starts with self-discipline, knowing your limits, values, and morals is the way one can lead.

A space people want to be a part of is an environment a leader should generate. Creating a propelled and strategic environment is what a leader should aim for.

Hence, leadership to me is to be someone others can look up to and create an environment that people thrive to be in. Yet have maintain discipline and achieve an expected outcome. What does leadership mean to me?

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Answers



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