



### Role of Campus Advisor and Suggested Selection Criteria

The role of the campus advisor is critical to the success of the Leading Edge Institute program. The advisor participates alongside the student team during the Summer Institute, serves as the primary contact during the Fall Connecting phase, and participates in the weekend Winter Summit and Celebration. Advisors can assess the value and impact of the program on their students and represent institutional support for the mission of the Leading Edge. When advisors are engaged, student learning is most transformative and the home campus experiences the most benefit.

#### Suggested Selection Criteria

- Female staff or faculty member interested in leadership development for college women.
- A woman who is interested in professional development.
- Advisors have come from all areas of campus – faculty, academic and non academic leadership programs, women’s centers, service-learning, student affairs, residence life, counseling services, athletics, admissions, and development. Any woman interested in developing women for leadership in Alabama will have something to contribute and something to receive.
- Time to attend the week-long Summer Institute, **June 13 - 19, 2011** and the Winter Summit and Celebration, **February 27-28, 2012**.

#### Best Practice Ideas

- Participate in the student selection process.
- Help prepare the team for this experience by meeting before the Summer Institute to discuss logistics and expectations.
- Make the same commitment the students have made by attending the entire Summer Institute and Winter Summit
- Expect to learn and to have an opportunity to share your own expertise in the area of leadership development.
- Drive with the students to the Summer Institute together.
- Relive yourself of all pressure to be “on” or to “perform.”
- Allow this to be a rejuvenating week of professional development, networking, and personal growth.
- Expect this to be fun, life changing, enriching, and exciting for you and your students.
- \Help the students to practice their new learning and to share their experiences on campus and in their local communities.

At the end of the Summer Institute, the role of the Advisor is clear and she will feel like a part of the Leading Edge family. She will know her students and will have a clear idea of what is expected during the leadership action phase, Fall Connecting. The role of the advisor on campus is encourager, listener, and advocate. The Leading Edge Institute invites the Advisor to a partner with us in the growth of *our* students.