Spring Hill College | Pathways to Purpose

Activity: How I Want to Be Remembered

Time: 20 minutes

Materials Required: Copies of the activity, pens/pencils, scratch paper

1. Print out copies of the attached activity so each participant has their own copy.
2. Each individual will consider their own goals in life and the impact they want to make on the world.
3. Each individual will go through the sheet and check off the ways they want to be remembered at the end of their life. If there is something missing, they should write it at the end of the list.
4. Each individual will go back through the statements they checked off and consider which are most important to them. Each participant is encouraged to select 3-5 statements.
5. Each individual will then consider what specific steps or actions they might take to be remembered as such. Participants are encouraged to think on the macro and micro scale—what careers or service opportunities afford actions that might lead to these results? What small daily actions might lead to these results?
6. Individuals will then share out with their group how they want to be remember. The group is encouraged to note the positive interactions they’ve already had with the individual that may point to how they are already viewed or remembered.
I want people to remember me as someone who . . .

- Helped individuals with the most need.
- Served my community.
- Always went above and beyond to help people meet their needs.
- Was always a great listener.
- Was always good at getting things done.
- Was a leading expert in my particular field.
- Surprised everyone by doing things that seemed impossible.
- Did something new and innovative that hadn’t been done before.
- Fixed a broken system.
- Always was available to fix items or machines.
- Always improved upon things, making them better.
- Helped to combat a bad idea, philosophy, or trend.
- Caused positive change within my close community.
- Caused positive change on a wide scale.
- Brought new information and truth into the world.
- Brought more beauty into the world.
- Brought more justice into the world.
- Brought people closer to God and their spiritual selves.
- Was always compassionate in my interactions.
- Could always bring a vision into reality.
- Developed or built something new.
- Could always influence people, situations, or systems.
- Was great at bringing together and leading a team of people.
- Could always serve as a leader when needed.
- Brought a calming presence to those around me.
- Inspired action in my community.
- Gained significant recognition and status in my field.
- Was generous with my possessions or money.
- Was generous with my time or presence.
- Provided great insight or advice.
- Made a tangible difference in the lives of a few people.
- Made a tangible difference in the lives of many people.
- Brought awareness to important issues in our world.