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“Gonzaga University is an exemplary learning community that educates students for lives of leadership and service for the common good.”* To lead, one must understand and get to know both the self and other. One develops inherent capabilities and strengths as knowledge of the self grows, and one endeavors to acquire those abilities needed to serve the common good, the other. With self-understanding and other-understanding, a leader learns and practices the tasks, skills, and behaviors needed to serve the other, to help the self and the other flourish. Leadership and service occur within a variety of situations and contexts filled with a variety of meanings. An educated leader recognizes and values the multiplicity of understanding and practice that will ensue as she and he serve the common good.

*From the Gonzaga University Mission Statement, February 2013.