Identifying and Supporting Leadership Potential in First-Year Students

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Abstract:

This roundtable will focus on identifying and assisting in the development of successful first-year student leaders. Keeping in mind the variety of leadership opportunities first-year students may have experienced previously, participants can share what opportunities their institutions offer, how to identify promising candidates and lastly how to support first-year student leaders as they transitions from their first year to second year.

Agenda/Discussion Questions:

- Brief Introductions (Name, Institution, Role, In what capacity do you currently work with first year students?)
- What are key characteristics of first year students? What strengths do we see? What are some of the challenges they face?
- Which of those characteristics contribute to strong leaders?
- Where/how can we facilitate the development of these characteristics?
- Thinking about transitional issues, how can we support the leadership potential of first year students and prepare them for larger roles in their second year?