



*“During the job application process, prospective employers are looking for two things from applicants in addition to a college degree:
1st: Relevant work experience and
2nd: The ability to present their education, experience and skills effectively.
If students don’t possess the skills in the second case, their ability to enter and advance in the workplace is limited.”*

*Geoff Falen
Director of Career Connections
St. Lawrence University
Huffington Post
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— HOWARD COLLEGE —

LEADS

Learn. Experience. Achieve Defined Success.

Howard College recognizes the significance of fostering student engagement with peers, faculty, staff and the community during the first stages of a college career. National data reveals that strong relationships are formed early on when students get involved in college programs and group activities outside the classroom. Student engagement will help students chart their pathways to success and lifelong learning.

GET OUT THERE. BE THE LEADER.

LEARN

A first year seminar course - LEADS Course - that will teach and apply skills that are crucial for students to be successful in the classroom and workplace. Students will be grouped in small learning clusters with their peers having similar career interests. These clusters will be led by faculty/staff member coaches and mentors.

EXPERIENCE

Students will participate in campus and community activities throughout both semesters of the program. The activities will allow students to be involved in their home campus, meet professionals in their areas of career interest, get involved in service work and volunteerism and become confident in sharing their insights and experiences with others.

ACHIEVE DEFINED SUCCESS

Students will develop an Academic & Career Path Plan which will guide them as they continue their educational journey and prepare for lifelong success.