How SI Impacts Leaders, Present and Past

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Session Objectives

- What impact does SI have on leaders?
- Research design
- UHD and SI at UHD
- Graduation rates and GPA
- Survey respondents
- Careers
- Testimonials
- Challenges
Research Design

- Graduation rates and GPA

- What did SI do for the leaders?
  What did they gain from being an SIL?
  What are the SIL doing now?
    Pursue further education
    Teaching-related career choices
    Degree-related career choices
    Non-degree related career choices
  Did the SI program impact these decisions?
University of Houston-Downtown

Minority serving institution
Average student age
Commuter School
SI at UHD
Hispanic and minority-serving institution

- Hispanic: 50.7%
- Black or African American: 20.4%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 9.6%
- International: 1.9%
- Mixed or Unknown: 1.2%
- White or Caucasian: 15.8%
- Native American: 0.4%
Non-traditional Average Student Age

- 25-30: 27.10%
- 31-35: 11.55%
- 36-50: 12.99%
- 51-64: 2.35%
- 17-18: 6.03%
- 19-21: 16.87%
- 22-24: 22.90%
- 65+: 0.20%
Commuter School

If you live in Houston and you date someone on the north side and you live on the south side. Y'all in a long distance relationship

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UHD SI Program History

- Spring 2001, as part of Title V federal grant known as the Learner’s Community
- Uses UMKC model
- There have been 4 program coordinators
- Course changes
Leader Selection

- 3.0 GPA
- at least a B
- Faculty recommendation
- Resume
- Cover letter
- Interview
Expectations

- COPs
- Training
- Meetings
- Surveys

'It was the most fun job I ever had.'
Benefits of being an SI Leader

- Don’t have to drive to get to work
- Highest paid student job on campus
- Consistent employment
- Recommendation letters
- Re-learn concepts from different professor perspectives
- Network
- Present at conferences
- Find your true love

'I met my amazing wife in the SI Program (she was a fellow SI Leader). So, that was pretty cool.'
I loved being an SI leader and considered staying at UHD longer to continue. (UHD does not offer and Economics degree and I transferred to UH to complete my degree)
SI Leaders Fall 2009-Spring 2018

- Graduated: 72.09%
- Still in College: 10.08%
- Post-Baccalaureate: 13.18%
- Not graduated: 4.65%
Degree-seeking SI Leaders

- Graduated: 83.04%
- Still in College: 11.61%
- Did Not Graduate: 5.36%
FTIC Graduation Rate

- Graduated 93.94%
- Did Not Graduate 6.06%
Survey Correspondents

- Surveys were sent to 129 non-active SIL that entered the program from Fall 2009 to Spring 2018
- 81 SILs received the survey
- 45 SILs responded
- The majority of the correspondents graduated in 2012 or beyond
What is your current occupation?

- Graduate
- Healthcare school
- Educators
- Healthcare profession
- Business
- Position related to d...
- Field not related to d...

‘It significantly helped me cement my knowledge of bio and chem for the MCAT.’

‘I could not speak more highly of the SI program, and it definitely played a big role on my application to medical school.’
'Awesome experience. Very valuable for my future goals. My confidence in working as a leader among groups increased significantly, by 200%. Lol I am more confident in holding a TA position while pursuing a graduate degree...'}
My participation in the SI Program has helped me view people differently.

My participation in the SI Program helped me develop a good work ethic.

The skills I learned as an SI Leader has helped me be successful in the workforce.

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
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Careers

How many changed their minds after SI?
How did SI prepare them for these jobs?

- Graduate school
- Healthcare
- Teaching
- Other

Percent

Before

After

25.
Education Related Careers

- Helping students learn is a rewarding to SI leaders
- As SI may discover a hidden talent of teaching

‘As an instructional assistant for Texas State University’s history department, I use a number of techniques with my students. This includes creating interactive games, one-on-one discussions, and student-led group exercises...’
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- Philosophy SI Leader, Spring 2013
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- Current mathematics lecturer at UHD
- Former SI coordinator
- Bachelor's in Sociology
- Master's in Mathematics
- SIL for math courses, Spring 2012
Challenges

- GPA
- Contacting SI leaders
- Survey questions

Future Research

- What was the SIL's career path before becoming an SIL?
- Are any SIL unemployed?
- What did SIL do right after graduating?
- How long did they spend in the program?
How SI Impacts Leaders

- Students benefit from being part of the SI program.
- The SI program serves as an anchor program to UHD.
- SI leaders are more likely to maintain a "good" GPA.
- SI leaders have gained skills which they might use in the future.
- Being an SI leader helped some students make career choices.
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