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UNIVERSITY



**Kooper Leadership Academy**



**Time**  
The Great Equalizer



**Focus**  
Do Simple Better



**Effort**  
The Power is in You

**4th Annual Academy | Spring 2024 | 60-day cohort experience | Sponsored by:**

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**5 Coker University Partners. 1 Goal. Purposeful Leadership Development.**

Congratulations to the 24 participating students! [Spring 2024 Cohort Roster](#)

**Students: APPLY HERE between 1/17 and 1/31/24:** Applications Now Closed

**Coker University Juniors and Seniors:**

- Are you giving more thought recently to your career plans after Coker?
- Would you like to boost your leadership skills and make valuable connections on- and off-campus?
- Apply for the Kooper Leadership Academy during the Spring 2024 semester!

**WHO:** Current juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

- Up to 20 students will be included in the cohort.
- We are seeking a diverse group of students from all academic backgrounds.

**WHAT:** 9-week, personalized, professional development program to **boost your “LEADERSHIP KSAs”**

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| 1 | <i>Knowledge</i> | - Four group workshops led by Trainer, Coach, Speaker, and Author Gary Kooper '91   |
| 2 | <i>Skills</i>    | - Job shadow with a professional connection in your chosen career path<br>- Informational interview with a Coker alumnus in your chosen career path |
| 3 | <i>Abilities</i> | - Community impact project with your fellow cohort members  |

- During the interactive workshops, you will be challenged to think about how you spend your time, how you focus your mind, and how you gauge your efforts toward goal achievement.

**WHY:** Personal growth, career connections, skill development, finding your passion, giving back, and much more...  
Previous participants say it best!

- **Testimonial from Antoinette:** “The most meaningful part of the Kooper Leadership Academy was the transparency that filled the room every time we had our meetings together on campus. This was the most challenging yet rewarding part of being a member because I had to do an honest assessment of myself and realized that I was not truly prepared to be the leader that I have become today. I learned how to work towards a common goal with my fellow students and to overcome barriers in communication when it comes to collaborating with other leaders. Time management was particularly important to me as well, and this is a topic that was always discussed and was relatable from my perspective as a student. This group is going to impact many more people, not just at Coker University, but throughout the community as well! I appreciate the contributions you made to my life journey, going from rags to riches, literally! This cohort experience is

for individuals who have the passion and ambition to elevate their status in life along with their mindsets, and one other vital lesson I learned from Gary is that as leaders we should always hold ourselves accountable! The Kooper Leadership Academy experience was very memorable and life-changing for me. Thank you again for all you have done and best wishes on your future success!”

**WHEN:**

| SPRING 2024 DATES |                  |                         | WEEKLY SCHEDULE / DELIVERABLES   |
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| Week 1            | <b>Wed, 2/7</b>  | <b>3:00 - 4:15 p.m.</b> | - Workshop #1 – <b>Goal Setting</b>  |
| Week 2            | <b>Wed, 2/14</b> | <b>3:00 - 4:15 p.m.</b> | - Workshop #2 – <b>Time, The Great Equalizer</b>   |
| Week 3            | <b>Wed, 2/21</b> | <b>3:00 - 4:15 p.m.</b> | - Workshop #3 – <b>Focus, Do Simple Better</b>   |
| Week 4            | <b>Wed, 2/28</b> | <b>3:00 - 4:15 p.m.</b> | - Workshop #4 – <b>Effort, The Power is in You</b><br>- Discuss next steps for the job shadow, informational interview, and community impact project |
| Week 5            |                  |                         | - SPRING BREAK   |
| Weeks 6 - 9       | 3/11 - 4/5       |                         | - Plan, design, and implement the community impact project<br>- Complete your job shadow<br>- Complete your informational interview                  |
| Week 10           | Thur, 4/11       |                         | - Closing banquet / student presentations  |

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!**

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