Admission Essay Directions

As you complete your Leadership essay and the Career Goals and Objectives Statement, we encourage you to share some personal insights about those experiences and influences that have shaped you. Our intent is not to judge you but rather to get to know you a little better. Please write the two essays separately. You will be evaluated on your ability to think critically, express yourself clearly (English composition skills), and follow instructions.

LEADERSHIP ESSAY

Place your full name in the header of the top left of the page.
Write a short essay (approximately 400-500 words) in response to the following statement:

"Leading others effectively requires the ability to lead oneself."

- Discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the opinion stated above. Support your position with reasons and/or examples from your own experience, observations, or reading. You will be evaluated on your ability to express yourself in writing and the logic of your analysis rather than the content of your views or opinions.

CAREER GOALS AND OBJECTIVES STATEMENT:

In approximately 500-700 words write a personal statement indicating how you think the MNM degree will enhance your career plans. Be as specific as possible in answering the questions below.

- Knowing that all learning experiences are reciprocal, describe what you expect to bring to the MNM program as a student and what you hope to take away with you in terms of specific career goals and objectives.

- Recognizing that the MNM program is built on a "praxis" model, emphasizing the application of theory to practice and practice to theory, describe and assess your current, or very recent engagement with a nonprofit organization and how continuing involvement with nonprofits, as an employee or in a substantial volunteer role, will provide the context needed for learning through application in the MNM program.
• Given that social justice and community service are central areas of focus in the MNM program, share your current practices, questions, and challenges relative to demonstrating these two facets of nonprofit work in your community.

What aspect of the program do you perceive to be most challenging and how will you meet this challenge in order to ensure successful completion of the program?