

# Being an “O”-Leader

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# EDGE PROJECT

## Project Summary

This summer, I had the opportunity to be a Freshman Orientation Leader. I was able to lead groups of freshmen in 14 different Orientation sessions as well as help guide and direct them during Flight School.

By completing this project, I gained a deeper knowledge of leadership skills, broadened and increased my own leadership skills, and I was able to spark the freshmen’s excitement to come to SUU. I was able to help them to begin to love Southern Utah University as much as I do.

## Project Highlights

- After the overnight orientation, my students came up to me and gave me a great big group hug. They told me that because of me, they were now even more excited for the school year to start!
- After Orientation had concluded, we had personal evaluations with Sheena, the Orientation director. 99% of my students said Orientation was a success and they knew that I’d remember their name!
- Because I led so many different students from different backgrounds with different interests, it is now much easier for me to connect to lots of people. I can start a conversation with almost anyone and it is easy for me to make connections with them.

## From My Journal

“Just finished my second orientation session today! It was so much fun! I led a group of Education majors, because that’s my major. The girls in my group were insanely fun! I had a great time getting to know the girls, and helping other students at orientation build their love for SUU.”



This is an image of one of my Orientation groups. This was taken while I was giving a tour. This picture describes a typical group for me. I usually had 9-16 students in my group.



This picture was taken during Tradition Time. I always lead Tradition Time. In this picture, we are teaching the SUU Fight Song to the incoming Freshmen.