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# Introduction

How has the COVID-19 Pandemic influenced student leadership development within higher education?

- What is considered student leadership?
  - The holistic person
- Overall impacts from COVID-19 Pandemic
  - Academic and Co-Curricular
- Why is this important to study?
  - Future implications
- How did I analyze this question?



# Developing Students: Pre-Pandemic/During Pandemic

- Development of students made through programs and trainings
  - Leadership Opportunities at Saint Anselm College
  - Student Affairs Leadership Collaborative
- Impacts, not only to participating students
  - Community impacts
  - Campus life
  - Service
- During the pandemic, everything changed
  - Online training
  - Lack of participation
  - Change in information



# Mental Health Implications

- Societal Restrictions
  - Stay-in-place within dorms
  - No on campus, in person events
  - Limitations on class size and offerings
- Emotional Inefficiencies
  - No personal connections
- Lack of Confidence, Communication, and Collaboration



## Limitation

A questionnaire or survey would have been influential in supporting the research

## Conclusion

Overall, COVID-19 had a negative impact on student leadership development in higher education

- Impacts to programs and trainings
- Mental Health Implications
- Looking to the future

