Developing Student Leadership



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SUMMARY: Leadership is defined as the action of leading a group of people or an organization. How that leader is developed is what can deem that person an effective or ineffective leader. Colleges and Universities offer various opportunities for students to enhance their leadership abilities. The purpose of this project is to develop the abstract of a workshop here at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Throughout my years here, I have seen many different leadership styles as well as held leadership positions, and where I have seen the greatest challenge is when a leader wants to refocus their team. This project discusses the different fields of leadership offered on campus (Orientation Services, Greek life, Academic, etc) and dives into what skills or qualities are needed to best fulfill the needs for that particular organization. Why this project looks at organizations on campus is because of the system in place for such groups. I will be explaining the setup of MyBar and the resources offered on campus such as BroncoLead and the leadership series that are given as unit classes. The hope is that I can develop a workshop that will be a general tool for all student leaders on campus.

CAL POLY POMONA ORGANIZATIONS:

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona has over 250 academic and social organizations. Each club is categorized under a specific council that oversees them. Each college at the university has a council such as the AG Council for the college of agriculture, CEIS Council for the college of education and integrative sciences. Other clubs may fall under Inter-Hall Council, Student Interest Council, and Greek organizations will fall under Greek Council. Leadership opportunities that are not part of these councils include Orientation Services, University Housing Services, and sport teams.

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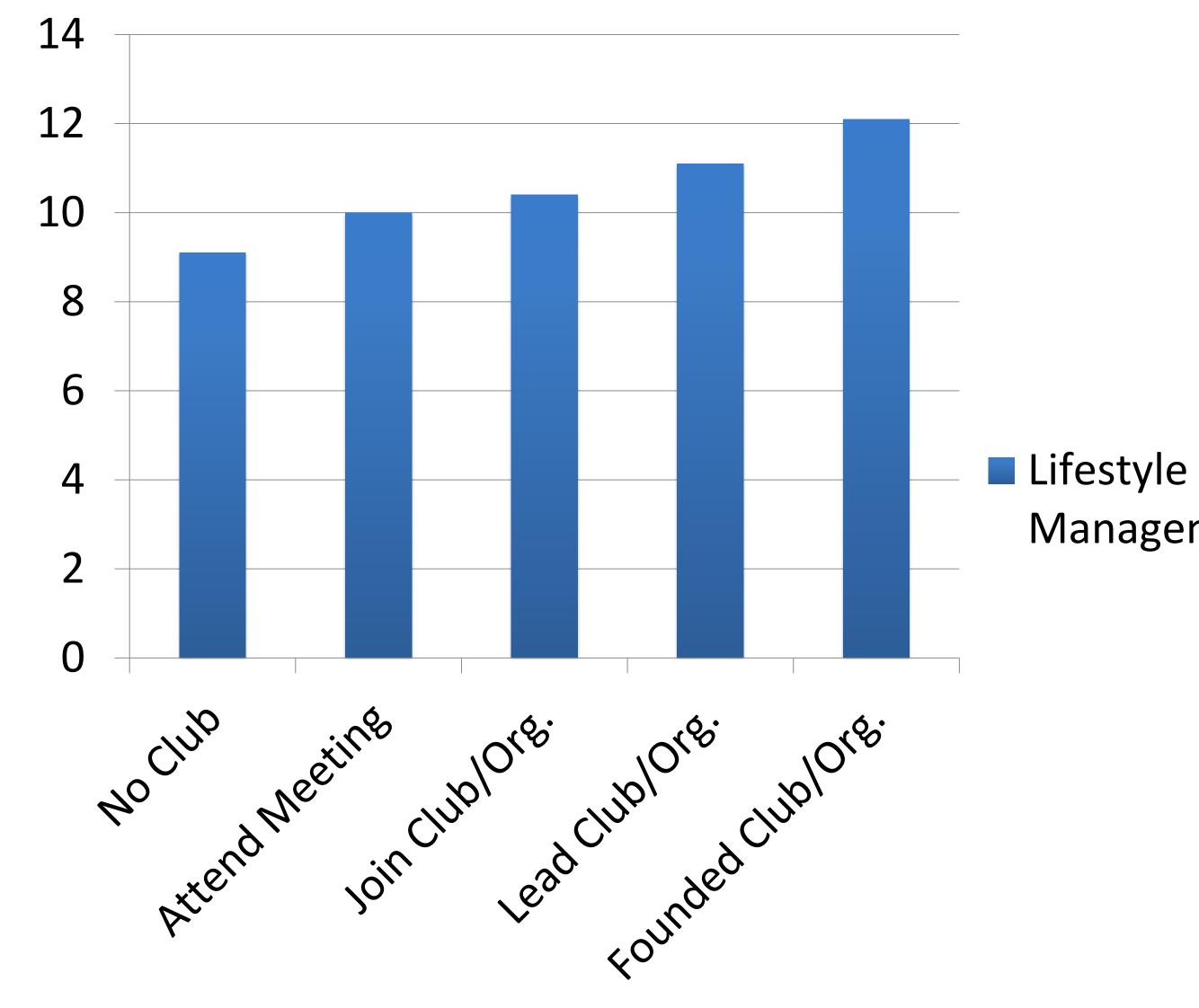
COUNCILS ON CAMPUS:

- AG Council
- Business Council
- CEIS Council
- CLASS Council
- Engineering Council
- Environmental Design Coun
- Science Council
- Student Interest Council
- Inter-Hall Council
- Greek Council
- Multicultural Council
 Staff Council





Mean Development Score by Level of Involvement: Lifestyle Management



LIMITATIONS:

While this particular study allowed me to get information directly from the Cal Poly Pomona campus, it was limited in the sense of not being able to make enough connections to reach out to diverse leaders. Many of the students I interviewed had one aspect in common but were used of their involvement with other organizations. However, I believe that the common organization they were a part of may have influenced their leadership style in similar ways. There is also the common issue Management with interviews where the subjects know their responses are recorded, which may skew the honesty in their answers. Also, the time limit for this study held back any deep research. With only ten weeks, it limits the amount of people I can interview. I took a leadership class offered by Dr. Tucker called AG 200 that is about discovering your own leadership. This class is part of a six-quarter series, but with only one quarter for the Capstone, was not able to go through the whole experience, which limited

by observation of resources available on campus.

