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## Newton Fellowship Reflection

### Leadership POV:

To lead with authenticity and enthusiasm, I uplift and strengthen the communities I am apart of by engaging in healthy communication and pursuing growth.

### Values Statement:

I value having loving relationships and value growth through my adventures and my connections with others. I will continue to be grateful for my opportunity at life, I will pursue my passions, and I enjoy seeing the humor in my life.

### Reflection:

Throughout the year there were two ideas that have really stuck with me. The first one is the idea that innovation is not merely coming up with an idea but then taking that idea and effectively bringing it to the public. That idea seems to underly entrepreneurship and leadership, but I haven't heard it explicitly brought up so to have it explained through a formal lesson brought a lot of clarity to how I see problem solving now. It's not just a good solution; we already have an abundance of good solutions. We now need to use our leadership skills to connect and organize people to bring those good solutions to the world so that they can actually have an impact.

The other idea that really struck me was how powerful diversity could be. I've always been told this and believed it, but until this past semester it hadn't struck me just how important it was. I had a few experiences this past year that showed me first-hand how valuable having people from different backgrounds in a room together could be. From those experiences I started to truly understand the significance of diversity, and then Dr. Johnson's workshop really tied together what I had seen and hammered home that it should be a top priority when leading an organization.