Dante Bruno enthusiastically plugged into the idea of strength-based leadership through his participation in the Emily Mauzy Vogel Sophomore Leadership Retreat (EMV). Held each fall at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana, the EMV retreat is an overnight program for sophomore students involving teambuilding, leadership inventories, personal development and more.

“The retreat opened my eyes to the idea that everyone can be a leader if they recognize their strengths and weaknesses,” said Dante, a senior in industrial engineering from Elmwood Park.

The mission of Horizons Student Support Services is to assist students in developing academic, social, and personal skills through holistic services including tutoring, faculty mentoring, peer mentoring, career development, academic support, cultural enrichment and access to global experiences. These initiatives, coupled with a sense of belonging, will contribute to a well-rounded and successful Purdue University experience.

More information at: https://www.purdue.edu/horizons/

Spring semester days of service will take place campus wide on January 20 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service) and during the Spring Blast on April 11. Featured community partners are the United Way of Greater Lafayette and local neighborhood associations.

Students can learn about other volunteer and community action opportunities by visiting: https://www.purdue.edu/vpsl/leadership/Get-Engaged/Community_Action.html

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Illinois. “You can be much more effective as a team if everyone recognizes where their strengths are, where their weaknesses are and how to assign tasks accordingly.”

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