Leadership may be found in people in varied walks of life from professional athletes and coaches to statesmen (and women), as well as ordinary individuals who demonstrate extraordinary courage and resolve in situations of crisis. Leadership qualities exist within each of you, State Presidents of Speech-Language-Hearing Associations. The following quotations demonstrate diverse views of leadership and character, which cross vocations and even centuries! Many of these were shared with attendees at the spring 2008 CSAP conference in Saratoga Springs, New York. Which, if any, of these following quotes resonate with you?

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What is a leader? Tell me.

A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but where they ought to be. -- Rosalynn Carter

Leaders aren’t born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that’s the price we’ll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal. -- Vince Lombardi

Management works in the system. Leadership works on the system. -- Stephen Covey

Vision comes alive when everyone sees where his or her contribution makes a difference. -- Ken Blanchard
The quality of a leader is reflected in the standards they set for themselves.

-- Ray Kroc

It is not fair to ask of others what you are unwilling to do yourself.

-- Eleanor Roosevelt

Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.

-- Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group. There is much less competition.

-- Indira Gandhi

No man will make a great leader who wants to do it all himself, or to get all the credit for doing it.

-- Andrew Carnegie

A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting the job done.

-- Dwight David Eisenhower

Example is leadership.

-- Albert Schweitzer

Effective leadership is putting first things first. Effective management is discipline, carrying it out.

-- Stephen Covey

By leadership, I mean taking complete responsibility for an organization’s well-being and growth, and changing it for the better. Real leadership is not about prestige, power, or status. It is about taking responsibility.

-- Robert Joss
The quality of leadership, more than any other single factor, determines the success or failure of an organization.

-- Fred Fiedler & Martin Chemers

The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers.

-- Ralph Nader

The leaders who work most effectively, it seems to me, never say “I.” And that’s not because they have trained themselves not to say “I.” They don’t think “I.” They think “we”; they think “team.”

-- Peter Drucker

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

-- John Quincy Adams

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