Leader program a gem

Leadership is not a position. It’s a way of life.

This was a lesson University of Wollongong student Melinda McAlpine learnt at a recent conference at Canberra’s Parliament House.

UOW students Mitchell Broom and Melinda attended the four-day Leadership, Faith and Values conference which attracted 200 people. They attended as part of UOW’s Black Opal leadership program. Mitchell and Melinda both said they saw the human side of politicians and came home, inspired to help other people in their own communities.

“I met one politician who makes himself available 24 hours a day seven days a week in his home, inspired to help other people in their own communities,” Mitchell said.

“What do you want to be doing in five years? I’m looking forward to growing Freshview into the premier Australian software-development company. We’ve got big plans.”

“Do you need a particular kind of personality to succeed? You certainly need to be motivated and prepared to put in the hard work, but I think the key is finding something you’re passionate about. A lot of it will then come naturally.”

Mitchell Broom, front centre, at the four-day Leadership, Faith and Values conference in Canberra.

Melinda McAlpine, front centre, has found the Black Opal leadership program inspiring.

Auguste Blackman is one of the artists featured in the TAFE graduating students’ exhibition Avant-Garden at Project Contemporary Artspace from tomorrow.

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