INFLUNSR.™
THE NEW DIFFERENCE MAKERS

What Is INFLUNSR?

What if you developed a world view that doesn't see culture as an enemy but a platform? What if you were challenged to inject yourself into highly challenging roles and scenarios on your campus, in your community, with your peers? What if you were assigned to short-term, high-significance task teams? What if you received real-time feedback as you experience and learn? What if you had mentors that believe in you and your desire to be influential and offer you relevant and practical principles and truths that help shape your world-view and leadership capacity? What if you had real help in discovering your passion and gift set? What if every senior graduated with at least a personal mission statement and three next steps towards the best version of the person God created them to be? And what if you could start connecting the dots with your passion, gift set, and your purpose for existence?

INFLUNSR exists because that there has never been a more opportune time for students to be influential in culture, now and in their respective futures.

INFLUNSR exists because we fervently believe that leadership is influence and Jesus is life.

Everything and anything else is simply a cheap imitation counterfeit.

Everything worth doing is worth doing boldly.

Everything that matters requires courage.

Students should fear stepping into greatness because it is unknown and scary, but they should fear mediocrity ten billion times more because it is devastating. Too many students choose their path out of fear disguised as practicality.

Influence has nothing to do with something you do. Influence has everything to do with someone you are. Influence is this magnetic relational pull generated by an inner being that burns to matter. Influence is really about choosing to be a person of integrity. Humility. Excellence. Grit. Courage.

We are looking for high school students that really want to do something significant with their lives, who want to live for God, who possess an immeasurable capacity for influence.

How Does This Work?

Each month is a different Episode that will be designed to challenge you in one of the 5 INFLUNSR Focuses (Integrity, Humility, Grit, Excellence, Courage). Each week you will get a text with a link to check out and respond to.

The first week you get a video interview of a leader who is leading within culture and who loves Jesus. This comes with an IQ guide to help you process the interview with some great questions to consider
The next week you get the **INFLUNSR Version**. Relevant coded stories and imagery designed to inspire students to interact and actualize integrity, grit, humility, excellence and courage, the bedrock code of influence.

The third week you will get the **INFLUNSR Interactive**. Each month's **Interactive** includes experiential suggestions with links, questions, etc. you can apply at your pace during the course of the month. The **INFLUNSR Interactive** recommends culture-current movies, books, songs, articles and much more that will enhance the discovery process.

The fourth week we will meet together to go over what we learned and experienced and begin to process it together!

Leadership requires you to be a “self-feeder”, so it will be on you to watch, read and interact with this content. **If you feel like you won’t be able to complete these tasks, then maybe this isn’t for you yet.** My hope is that as we go through this together, we begin to recognize our passions and talents and find ways both inside and outside the church to exercise influence!

I will also lean into this group to be leaders within our Elevate group. That doesn’t mean giving you mindless tasks, so I don’t have to do them. It does mean inviting you into the process as much as you’d like and giving you opportunities to show leadership within our Wednesday night environment. This will be a part of our monthly meeting.

What Are My Expectations?

First and Foremost, I want students to be a part of this who have a desire to grow their influence wherever they may be currently and wherever they are headed. It is not another group to be a part of just to hang with friends. We want to challenge each other and hold one another accountable to working through the content and processing it together.

So here they are:

- *Influence* others through *Serving* (i.e. lead)
- Attend a monthly, non-negotiable, SLT meeting (entire team together)
- Attend the weekly worship service at Browncroft. You aren't just a leader in our group, but in the larger church as well!
- Commit to our INFLUNSR community. That means showing up, engaging with each other and being vulnerable towards one another. We will have hard conversations when needed to hold each other accountable and resolve conflicts in an effort to help each of us grow in leadership and faith.
- Actively participate in showing leadership at Elevate. Reaching out to other students and creating a welcoming environment are a big part of this even if it means sacrificing time with your own friends.
- Provide critical feedback to leadership regarding the Student Ministry (i.e. if there is a problem, speak up)
- Maintain your character. (I Timothy 3.2-7). Perfection is not possible for any of us. But leaders are held to a higher standard by those they lead and therefore we will strive to: Be without fault. Be faithful to our families, friends and commitments. Be honest. Show hospitality. Not be a bully. Be gentle and peaceable. Have a good reputation and speak highly of our fellow leaders.
- Take Risks! Even if you fail. This is how we grow and encounter God.