

How We Began

The Claire R. Schmieler Leadership Institute for Professional Women was established in 2003 through the vision and generosity of Claire Schmieler and her beloved, late husband, Bob.



The institute was designed in honor of the legacy of support given and received by Mrs. Schmieler during her more than 30 years at SRU's McLachlan Student Health Center and in the Office of Student Life. The institute was developed from a financial gift from Schmieler and her late husband, Bob.

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Claire R. Schmieler

Leadership Institute for
Professional Women

Our Purpose

The Claire R. Schmieler Leadership Institute for Professional Women affords participants the opportunity to develop and enhance professional connections across the SRU campus.

The Institute is designed to help women understand their leadership style, develop authentic leadership skills, and learn to lead others effectively. A central focus of the institute is the overall empowerment of professional women to cross ethnic, cultural, social, gender and political barriers.



Reflections of Past Participants

"The institute empowered me to discover qualities about myself I once viewed as weaknesses."

Amber Holmes, Class of 2018

the Claire Schmieler Institute was **IMPACTFUL!** It made an impact on me because of the friends, the connections, and the values that I learned. Even things that were brought out in me as a woman, that I would not have otherwise learned outside of the group setting with those wonderful women who were a part of the Institute with me.

Shannon Young, Class of 2018

"I was able to build relationships with people I would have never met."

Amanda Nichols, Class of 2012

"A great way to meet others who work in different areas on-campus."

Lori Marttala, Class of 2015

"As an emerging leader, the Claire Schmieler Institute gave me the foundational knowledge for growth and success. My classmates became trusted colleagues; those relationships have proved to be one of the most valuable benefits of attending the Institute."

Kris Benkeser, Class of 2006