

Hello Students!

We're very excited about the Peer Mentor program.

A **Peer Mentor** is an upper classman who can answer questions and provide support for the new class of entering students. This program will be offered on a voluntary basis and is not mandatory for students to participate in.

Remember how you felt as a first-year?

The purpose of the program is to promote unity among class years, encourage involvement in clubs and organizations, and provide a support network for entering students. If selected, you will be assigned specific Peer Mentee(s) that you will be responsible for keeping in contact with throughout the semester.

Benefits and outcomes that we'd expect you to gain as a Peer Mentor include:

- Improved interpersonal skills
- Ability to communicate effectively with different kinds of people
- Inspire new students and create a sense of community
- Develop and explore your leadership identity

Peer Mentor Responsibilities

Peer Mentors will be required to attend a training session early in the fall semester and will meet regularly throughout the academic year. You will receive a resource packet and will be encouraged to meet and keep in touch with your assigned mentee(s) throughout the semester. Informal events such as a bagel breakfast or ice cream social will be offered throughout the year to encourage ongoing communication between mentors and mentees. Mentors reported spending an average of 2-4 hours a month in the fall semester with their Mentee, including Meet & Greets.

Future goals for the program would be providing qualified mentors with Peer Mentor Certification and possibly offering elective credit for participating in the program.

Peer Mentoring is not a paid job or position. We know your participation in this program will be fueled by your dedication and interest in making the campus a better place.

If you would like to sign up as a Peer Mentor and you are in good academic standing, please answer the following questions and submit the completed application. The deadline for this application is Monday August 2, 2010. You will receive more information about the Program, training, and your assigned Peer Mentee(s) before Orientation if you are selected.

Thank you very much for your interest!

2010-2011 Peer Mentor Application

Name: _____

Class Year: _____

Academic Program (Major): _____

Hometown: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Birthday: _____

Will you be a resident student or commuter next year? _____

Please answer the following:

1. List your *past and present college* extracurricular involvement (clubs, professional organizations, sports, volunteer work, jobs, etc.)

2. Why are you interested in being a Peer Mentor?

3. What personal strengths do you have that would contribute to developing leadership potential?

4. What skills would you like to gain from this opportunity?

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Please note your Peer Mentee preferences to help us match you up:

I would prefer....

a male mentee

a female mentee

doesn't matter

mentee(s) in my academic program (major)

mentee(s) not in my academic program

doesn't matter

We will do our best to accommodate your request when matching mentors and mentees.