



P E E R M E N T O R N E T W O R K

INFORMATION

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The UAP Peer Mentor Network is designed to foster a connection between incoming and returning UAP students, promote incoming students' smooth transition to Suffolk, and facilitate their positive adjustment to college. Peer Mentors work with groups of incoming UAP students for whom they serve as academic and social resources and positive role models. Peer Mentors facilitate bonding within the cohort, promote a positive connection to the university, and advocate for the UAP and its mission.

COMMITMENT

The Peer Mentor Network requires a half-year commitment (Summer and Fall 2012). Mentors are responsible for attending trainings, biweekly meetings, a welcome retreat, and social events. Peer Mentors frequently contact their students during the summer and at least twice per month during the fall semester. PMs also plan multiple group outings with their students during the fall semester, and may work together to program events for the entire cohort.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Help students acclimate to college life and promote group bonding.
- Serve as an academic and social resource for students.
- Promote students' involvement in the UAP and Suffolk communities.
- Serve as a liaison between students and staff members.
- Be a positive role model for incoming students.

OBLIGATIONS

1. Mandatory Trainings Apr. 19, 2012, 1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Donahue 208
 Apr. 26, 2012, 1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Donahue 208
2. Welcome Event September 2012
3. Cohort Events Peer Mentors develop, organize, publicize and attend cohort-wide events during the fall semester.
4. Biweekly Meetings Peer Mentors are required to attend biweekly, hour-long meetings during the fall semester. These meetings will be at 1 p.m. on:

 September 6th, 2012
 September 20th, 2012
 October 4th, 2012
 October 18th, 2012
 November 1st, 2012
 November 15th, 2012
 November 29th, 2012
5. Biweekly Office Hours Each Peer Mentor is required to hold one biweekly office hour in the Ballotti Learning Center during the fall semester. These hours are determined according to each Mentor's schedule and occur on the off-weeks between meetings.

BENEFITS

Peer Mentors can expect to receive a multitude of personal and professional benefits from their participation in the Peer Mentor Network:

Leadership Development - Build leadership skills and serve as a role model.

Professional Development - Gain experience. Develop management skills. Boost your résumé.

Campus Connection - Maintain your connection to the UAP, meet new people, and have fun!

Mentorship - Be mentored by UAP staff members as you mentor first-year students.

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must:

- Be alumni of the University Achievement Program.
- Have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.7 or higher.*
- Have successfully completed SU 101 and SU 102 (B- or higher in each course).*
- Enroll full-time at Suffolk University throughout the upcoming academic year.
- Be enthusiastic stewards of the University Achievement Program, its mission and goals.

POTENTIAL APPLICANTS

Complete an application and submit it to Keith Kurlansky in the Ballotti Learning Center by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Applications received by this deadline will be given priority consideration.

Applications received after Tuesday, March 27, 2012 will not be considered.

*Successful applicants' grades are subject to ongoing review. Peer Mentor Network participation is contingent upon the continued fulfillment of these requirements. Vacancies will be filled by waitlisted applicants.