PEER MENTORING PROGRAM 2013-2014

Student Life & Leadership

What is the Peer Mentoring Program?

Student Life and Leadership developed the CSUSM Peer Mentoring Program to provide new students from traditionally underserved and underrepresented backgrounds with a platform to thrive during their first year at CSUSM. Mentees will embark on their collegiate journey with the support and leadership of their Peer Mentors.

The CSUSM Peer Mentoring Program cultivates first year students’ academic and social transition into college life. Students will develop a sense of community within the university, gain exposure to campus life increase their awareness of university programs and much more.

The Peer Mentoring Program enables returning students to improve the collegiate experience of a first year student, and enrich the culture of student leadership at CSUSM as co-curricular educators. Peer Mentors give back, build networks, gain new perspectives, impact the campus community, grow as individuals, create lasting relationships and learn to guide others.

How do I become a mentor?

Fill out the online application & Schedule an interview on April 26th

Important Dates:

Online applications due - April 23rd at 11:59 pm
Interviews - April 26th between 9:00am & 4:30pm
Peer Mentor Training - June 27th & July 31st
Peer Mentoring Retreat - August 16th & 17th

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www.csusm.edu/sll/peermentoringprogram/
Mentor & Mentee Acknowledgements:

“I am so thankful for having discovered this peer-mentoring program during my freshman orientation. [My mentor] has literally gotten me through several situations I struggled with throughout the semester & I consider her as practically like my big sister. We’re pretty close and I would have to say if it wasn’t for her, I would have probably been a lot more lost now than without her. She is amazing and I love her!”

“I’m glad I was part of the program because I met a lot of people that I would have never met otherwise. Also the retreat was really fun.”

“Great program, was a great way for mentees to connect to campus especially commuters.”

What is a Peer Mentor?
A peer mentor is a current student who is assigned a first year student to share their experiences with and guide throughout their first year of college. Establishing a strong, personal relationship with mentees, peer mentors will help mentees get involved on campus, meet people, remind them of deadlines, get acquainted with the campus, and be a friendly face and point of contact during their first year.

Requirements & Expectations
- Advise, counsel, and guide your mentee through their first year at CSUSM.
- Be available to mentees other than your own as a resource.
- Attend two trainings in the Summer
- Attend a Peer Mentoring summer retreat
- Facilitate connections with peers, Faculty/Staff, and to campus resources.
- Attend a welcome back event during Spring 2013 Semester
- Stay connected with your mentee throughout the year
- Complete monthly check-in requirements

Who are Mentees?
Mentees are new first year students from traditionally underserved and under-represented backgrounds who want to excel in academics and be actively involved with CSUSM campus life.

Benefits
- Be a reason a freshman’s first year is AMAZING!
- Build new friendships and connections with a diverse group of students
- Network with students in different academic departments
- Gain leadership and public speaking skills

Who are Mentors?
Mentors are students who are thriving in their academics and actively involved in campus life and campus organizations such as:
- USUAB
- O-Team Leaders
- ASI
- Former and current RA’s