

The C.O.N.E.C.T. Peer Mentoring Program

(The Caring Of New students Experiencing College Transitions)

The mission of the C.O.N.E.C.T. Peer Mentoring Program is to provide an avenue for student support through peer mentoring and advising for the encouragement of academic and social interactions, while promoting a unified community for Black students.

Qualifications:

- > Currently enrolled at the University of Louisville
- > Enrolled for 12 credit hours or more, with a minimum of 24 credit hours completed by fall 2010
- > Minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 by fall 2010

Responsibilities:

- > Completion of Mentor-in-Training Program:
 1. Successful completion of Pan-African Studies 333
 2. Sit on a committee within CONECT
 3. Help plan African American Recognition Reception
 4. Attend a minimum # of staff meetings
 5. Help with the planning of a monthly program or Remix workshop
 6. Participate in Spring Retreat
- > Completion of Peer Training and retreat
- > Maintain a minimum of six (6) and a maximum of ten (10) hours per week
- > Document contacts with your assigned mentees
- > Refer students to appropriate resource(s)
- > Conduct follow-up e-mails/telephone calls from referral(s)
- > Conduct monthly one-on-one sessions (individual or small group) with mentees
- > Participate in weekly staff meetings
- > Administer program evaluations at the end of each term
- > Assist with the African American Recognition Reception
- > Attend Welcome Weekend events as assigned
- > Contribute to the Making the Connection workshops during summer orientation
- > Assist with various recruitment programs as needed
- > Other duties as assigned

All applications are due by 5pm on October 30, 2009 to Gardiner Hall #LL04 (no exceptions) with the following items to be submitted:

- Application
- Updated resume
- Unofficial transcript
- Brief personal statement (one-page, typed, and double spaced) - What skills, abilities, and experiences do you possess that would make you effective in working with first-year students? And how do you hope to benefit from being a peer mentor?
- Two (2) recommendations from faculty, staff, or community service agent (please no friends or relatives permitted)
- Schedule date of interview at time of application drop off

*For more information, contact Dr. Tomarra Adams or Ms. Katie Adamchik at 852-3123
or e-mail me at conect@louisville.edu*

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GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The quality of a student's experiences with being a mentor is directly related to the quality and rigor of the training program for peer mentors. Such a program incorporates the fundamental concepts and responsibilities of being a mentor.

GOAL: To provide student support through peer mentoring and advising for the encouragement of positive academic and social interactions, and promote a unified community among African American students.

- OBJECTIVES:
- To explain to peer mentors the background and overview of the University.
 - To help provide peer mentors with a working definition of mentoring.
 - To help peer mentors become knowledgeable with their role and responsibilities.
 - To familiarize peer mentors with university policies and procedures.
 - To familiarize peer mentors with academic supports and major/minor qualifications.
 - To assist peer mentors in the awareness and importance of African American student recruitment.
 - To teach peer mentors how and when to refer mentees for additional or specialized help.
 - To instruct peer mentors in the use of resource materials.
 - To teach peer mentors how to maintain records of mentoring sessions.
 - To evaluate the effectiveness of the training and support programs.

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REFERENCE FORM

Candidate's Name: _____

Reference's Name: _____ Position: _____

Reference's Signature: _____ Telephone No. _____

E-mail Address: _____ Date: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant: _____ years _____ months.
2. In what capacity have you known this person _____
3. Why do you think that you were selected to provide a reference for this person? _____

4. Knowing this person as you do, do you feel that becoming a C.O.N.E.C.T. Peer Mentor would be a fitting role for her/him? _____ yes _____ no
5. How would you describe this person's relationships with others? _____

6. Please list six descriptive characteristics regarding this person's character:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
 - f. _____
7. How have you observed the applicant function within a group? _____

8. Please give an example of a time the applicant served as a leader within a group? _____

9. Please give an example of a time the applicant made unpopular decision or had to confront another person in a group. _____

Please circle the appropriate response for each:

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Maturity:	Below average	average	above average	excellent
Responsibility:	Below average	average	above average	excellent
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Role Model Qualities:	Below average	average	above average	excellent
Dependability:	Below average	average	above average	excellent

Recommendation:

- (a) I recommend the applicant without reservation as an excellent mentor
- (b) I recommend the applicant
- (c) I recommend the applicant with some reservation
- (d) I cannot recommend the applicant as a peer mentor at this time.

If you have checked (c) or (d) please elaborate.

Additional Comments:

Please return this form by **Friday, October 30, 2009** to:

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ATTN: Katie Adamchik
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Gardiner Hall
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