Returning Peer Advisor Application 2016-17

Besides mentoring, returning peer advisors play an important role in providing feedback, and assist the new peer advisors. Having been in the program before, you are the strong leaders. You are enthusiastic and have a desire to help new students. You guide and mentor the incoming class and the new team of advisors. You are very active during opening weekend and play a key role in the college’s orientation for new and transfer students. The most excellent individuals may also have the opportunity to become a VPA Ambassador.

Summary of Position Responsibilities:

- Attend one information session (during fourth week in April, times TBA)
- Attend peer advisor training (Wednesday, August 24, 2016)
- Return to campus prior to new student move-in (Tuesday, August 23, 2016)
- Contact and communicate with incoming students over the summer
- Meet with new students on Saturday, August 27, 2016 as per Syracuse Welcome schedule
- Assist the College of Visual and Performing Arts with Syracuse Welcome activities and events
- Work collaboratively with fellow peer advisors
- Become familiar with University and College rules, regulations, programs and services
- Serve as a representative for your academic department and/or college for special events throughout the year as needed
- Continue to support advisees during their freshman year

Please note that by applying to be a Peer Advisor, you are agreeing to the above responsibilities. Students who cannot commit to attending a training session (August 24, 2016) cannot be Peer Advisors. Students that are part of the Goon Squad may be peer advisors so long as there is a commitment to fulfilling obligations for both roles. You may not be a peer advisor if you are an RA.

To be eligible for Peer Advising, you must be a VPA student in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above. If you have any questions about eligibility or anything else, please contact Vicki R. Smith at 315.443.2517 or vrsmith@syr.edu.

APPLICATION IS DUE Monday March 21, 2016
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First Name:
Last Name:
SU I.D. #:
Current GPA:
Expected Graduation Date (e.g. semester/year):
Major(s):
Minor(s):
Were you a transfer student?
SU E-mail:
Cell #:
Other contact information:
Preferred contact method (e.g. cell, e-mail):
T-shirt size (S, M, L, XL):
Will you be living locally during summer 2016?
Summer Address:

Thoughtfully answer the following questions in typed responses.

A. What have you learned from your experiences as a peer advisor? What was the best part about being a peer advisor?

B. What advice would you give to a new peer advisor? How would you contact an advisee that has not responded to your initial email?

C. Given the same amount of time (2 hours) and resources you had last year when you met with new students, what would you do this year that is different; what would remain similar?

D. List any extracurricular activities, on or off campus, in which you are or have been involved. Please include employment or other obligations.