

WHY BECOME A MENTOR?

Mentoring can be defined as a trusting and helpful relationship between an older and younger individual. The purpose of becoming a mentor in college is to create a trusting and helpful relationship, which will assist incoming students with the challenges associated with the first year of college. Peer Mentors take on the responsibility of assisting students' growth and development by providing academic and personal support. Mentors are also expected to be a role model and assist with setting goals for their mentee, both academically and personally.



MENTORS PROVIDE:

- Personalized guidance and friendship during the first year of life at UVM.
- An insight to their experience and knowledge as successful college students.
- Information about academic resources, co-curricular activities, and social life at UVM.
- An introduction to Burlington and local community resources.

THE ALANA STUDENT CENTER

The ALANA Student Center (ASC) was established in 1976 to better meet the needs of African, Latina/o, Asian, and Native (ALANA) students at the University of Vermont. Since then, we have expanded our services to all students of color, including those who identify as bi/multi-racial.

The ASC fully supports the holistic being of our ALANA and bi/multiracial students so that as confident students of color, they attain their goals for academic achievement, personal growth, identity formation, and cultural development. Many students describe the ASC as their "Home Away from Home."



(ALANA Student Center, Blundell House)

Please return the attached application by Monday, August 24, 2009 to:

**Maria Erb
Assistant Director
ALANA Student Center
342 South Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05405-0041**

**or
Maria.Erb@uvm.edu**

**Maria's Direct Line: 802.656.1058
Please call or e-mail
Maria if you have any questions.**

ALANA Student Center PEER MENTORING PROGRAM



Mentor Application

ALANA Student Center
University of Vermont
Blundell House-Redstone Campus
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802.656.3819

ASC PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

Please fill out this form and return by Monday, August 24, 2009 to: Maria Erb, UVM-ASC, 342 S. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05405-0041 or fax 802.656.8511 or e-mail Maria.Erb@uvm.edu

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Campus _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Gender: _____

Mentee gender preference? Yes No

If so, please specify gender: _____

Racial/Ethnic Background: _____

College & Major: _____

Year: Soph Jr Sr Grad Student

Cumulative GPA: _____ Spring 2009 GPA: _____

What are your hobbies/interests, etc.?

Please feel free to use a separate sheet of paper to answer the questions.

What specific skills and talents will you bring to the Peer Mentoring Program? _____

Who has been the most influential person/mentor in your life and why? _____

What do you hope to gain personally and professionally from being a mentor? _____

Why do you think you will be a good mentor?

What strengths and challenges will you bring as a mentor? _____

Have you been a mentor/mentee before? If so, what did you learn about yourself from that relationship? _____

What are your career goals? _____

What are some group activities that you can take leadership on during the academic year?

- Movie Nights
- Game Nights
- Group Activities—Bowling, Pizza Putt, etc.
- Workshops—Study Skills, Careers, etc.
- Performing Arts Events
- Other _____

Please submit 2 references who can attest to your character and ability to be a mentor:

Reference #1
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Reference #2
Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I attest that all information provided in my application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____