Mentor Responsibilities

Peer Assisted Student Success

- Commit to the program & your mentee
  - It is important to show your mentee that you are willing to support them in making good academic and social decisions
  - An effort should be made to attend PASS workshops and University programs with your mentee to get them involved on campus.
- Meet regularly with mentee and correspond in between the face-to-face meetings
  - Make sure your meeting times are consistent
  - Plan ahead so you and your mentee have a system in place if one or both of you should need to cancel
  - In between meetings contact your mentee to see how they are doing or if they have any questions
  - Additional methods of communication: email, text messaging, Facebook
- Attend training sessions
  - Being a mentor may seem like a natural activity, however Mentors are required to attend a one hour training session
  - Training is “refreshed” each semester and can serve as an additional resource for new and recurring mentors alike
- Participate in Mentoring Program activities
  - Being a mentor is more than just meeting with students: GET INVOLVED!
- Be a resource for the students
  - You know the campus and town of Bloomsburg better than incoming first year students, don’t be afraid to show them what you know
- Be a source of positive reinforcement
  - Sometimes your mentee will need someone to acknowledge that they are working hard
  - Studying with your mentee or going to the Rec with your mentee can also be a more positive way to encourage them
- Understand that this is not a counseling session and advice should be given as such
  - A lot of pressure can be placed on you as the mentor to counsel your mentee, but this is not counseling
If your mentee brings a problem to you that you cannot or do not know how to handle, do not be afraid to refer them to one of the offices on campus, or the Dean of Students Office.

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