

RSC FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE STUDENT MENTOR

First Year Experience Mentors are part of a mentoring team, who with their faculty mentor, work to create a welcoming and supportive environment for incoming first year students and to facilitate the transition to college life through a First Year Experience one credit course (FYE 101). FYE 101 is a comprehensive program that aligns classroom activities and campus life to enhance the learning and growth of new students. The foundation provided by FYE 101 is expected to enhance student engagement throughout the undergraduate experience.

Mentors provide support, as well as serve as guides to all campus resources. Mentors meet weekly with their mentor groups in FYE 101, assist in building community among first year students, and continue to provide leadership throughout the fall semester. Specifically, mentors are asked to:

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Create a welcoming atmosphere through individual and group interaction with new students
- Participate in required training programs, including the 2-3 day sessions during the spring (May 4-7) and summer (August 25-27). In addition, mentors may be asked to participate in monthly staff meetings during the fall semester.
- Attend all summer, fall, and summer orientation programming (i.e. First Year Welcome Day on July 9 and July 14 and Fall Start Up events August 28-30) and attend all weekly FYE 101 class meetings
- Co-teach FYE 101 with faculty mentor; plan and prepare course syllabus with the faculty mentor activities for FYE 101
- Help students develop realistic educational plan
- Provide accurate information about academic procedures and policies
- Heighten students' awareness of behavior that leads to academic success and direct students to the appropriate institutional resources in a timely manner
- Maintain personal contact through technology, group and/or individual meetings and find and arrange possible co-curricular outside the classroom
- Keep accurate records of classroom assignments, attendance and class participation with faculty mentor
- Participate in the planning and implementation of all community service activities related to orientation and the First Year Experience program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Awareness of, and sensitivity to, the needs of a diverse group of students
- Involvement in, and enthusiasm for, the RSC community
- Commitment to helping students achieve academic success
- Positive role model and guide
- Knowledge of campus resources
- Ability to motivate others
- Strong time management and study skills
- Strong communication and listening skills
- Comfortable working with groups
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA