

Mentor Messenger

A message from the peer mentor subcommittee

The peer mentor subcommittee was organized to support the needs of mentors and their coordinators.

We hope that you will find the tips and information shared in this newsletter useful as you begin working with your Learning Community students. We also welcome you to share tips or to make announcements.

Please send information or comments to jenl@iastate.edu.

New On-Going Training and Support for Peer Mentors

A new initiative coordinated by the Academic Success Center (ASC) seeks to provide support for any student leader who serves peer students in an academic capacity.

This initiative—Academic Success Peer Educators—can provide you with the additional skills/knowledge you need to become a stronger Peer Mentor for your learning community. Workshops covering 15



topics are designed to “train the Peer Educator.” These workshops will be promoted on the University calendar and are open to a variety of student leaders.

In addition to workshops, the ASC is offering opportunities to meet one-on-one to plan initiatives specific to your Learning Community. Additional web-based resources and downloads are being developed throughout the year.

For more information, refer to the website: <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/asc/peered/>

Important Dates to Remember

- September 1, 2008—University holiday—classes recessed
- September 5, 2008—Last day to return current semester text books for refund to University Book Store
- September 26, 2008— Last day to add/drop a first half-semester course without extenuating circumstances

A Glimpse Back at the 2008-09 University Peer Mentor Training

Once again, the peer mentor subcommittee sponsored training for 65 new mentors on August 18 and 19 in Morrill Hall. Topics covered during the training included the needs of millennial students, communication skills, time management, recreation services and diversity issues. We would like to thank everyone who participated and remind all Learning Community mentors that our mentor handbook is available online for your reference at <http://www.lc.iastate.edu/PMhandbook.html>.



Demonstrating the ability to communicate without words, peer mentors find an alternate way to line up according to birthdate.