

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.

Inspiring Your Learning Community Students to be Leaders

As a peer mentor, you have the opportunity to motivate your mentees to achieve their personal, academic and professional ambitions. Your students have observed your organization and management skills during learning community activities and may be considering whether they can take on a similar leadership role in the future. While it may seem early in the semester to be tackling long-range plans, it is never too early to identify resources to help your mentees in this decision process.

- ◆ Encourage your students to seek out leadership options through campus organizations and clubs
- ◆ Invite guest speakers to talk with your LC about options to connect with others on campus.
- ◆ Create a list of options for your students and share them at your next gathering.

Through your guidance, you can inspire the next class of leaders to make the most of their academic experience.

Leadership Opportunities at Iowa State University

There are several programs and events focused on leadership at Iowa State. The Student Activities Center offers a variety of programming throughout the year, such as the Global Citizenship Symposium in October and the Iowa State Leadership Experience in January. The Symposium provides insight about how individuals can make a difference toward global issues. The Iowa State Leadership Experience offers the opportunity to learn more about individual leadership skills and discover new ways to get involved on campus.

Other leadership options include Study Abroad, which enables students to visit and learn from other cultures, or the Student Admissions Representatives

(STARS) program within the Office of Admissions, which utilizes student representatives to recruit prospective ISU students. These are just a few examples of outstanding learning experiences in which your students can take on leadership roles.

For further information about leadership opportunities on campus, please visit <http://www.sac.iastate.edu/leadership/>.



Important Dates to Remember

- September 26, 2008— Last day to add/drop a first half-semester course without extenuating circumstances
- October 4, 2008— Schedule of Spring 2009 classes available for viewing online.
- October 22, 2008— Spring 2009 registration period begins. Hours for AccessPlus registration are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Saturday.