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 work with your Learning Community students. We also invite you to share tips or to make announcements.

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

Communicating with Mentees

As your students become increasingly involved with various academic responsibilities and social activities on- and off-campus, it can become difficult to connect with them on a frequent basis.

Tried and true ways to kept in touch with your students and to inform them of upcoming learning community events include:

- Weekly face-to-face meetings
- Making announcement in class
- Email, but you may need to encourage the students to check it more often
- WebCT
- Meet in the dining halls over lunch
- Facebook
- Text messages

As always, the keys to successful communication with your students are to keep the message simple, direct, and to vary the method of distribution to ensure that everyone is aware of your upcoming plans. Communication is only as strong as the relationship you have with your students so it is best to establish positive relationships so that your effort to reach out is more meaningful.

You’re Invited!

How Can the Student Assistance Center Help You?
Tuesday, September 28
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.; 2030 Morrill Hall
Kipp Van Dyke, Assistant Director for Student Assistance and Outreach
Learning Community Coordinators and Peer Mentors are invited to join Kipp Van Dyke as he provides an overview of the services provided by the Student Assistance Center. This interactive session will include an open discussion about what you have observed as needs among your learning community students.

Counseling Services Presentation
Monday, October 11
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.; 2030 Morrill Hall
Jeff Ellens, Outreach Coordinator for Student Counseling Service
Learning Community Coordinators and Peer Mentors are invited to join Jeff Ellens for an overview of the services provided by the Student Counseling Service. Services such as biofeedback training, crisis consultations, counseling services, etc. will be discussed.

Lunch will be provided for those who register via email to Jen Leptien (jenl@iastate.edu). Please sign up today.