First Generation Buckeye Leadership Connection Facilitator Overview

First Generation Buckeye Leadership Connection Vision Statement:

The First Generation Buckeye Leadership Connection (FGBLC) is for incoming OSU Freshmen who are first generation college students. The FGBLC teaches students networking, resume and interviewing skills, as well as how to utilize their own strengths within a team. The primary focus is for the students to build social capital and network in a professional setting. The FGBLC will teach new students how to talk to professors, engage students with first generation OSU faculty and community leaders, and network with their fellow students and others at the University who can help them achieve their goals and dreams throughout their college experience and beyond. This event molds students into young professionals who are poised to make a difference at Ohio State and in the communities they live and work in after college. The FGBLC is hosted by Ohio State’s Economic Access Initiative and Undergraduate Admissions/First Year Experience.

Position Description

FGBLC Student Facilitators will work at the 2013 FGBLC, which will occur July 12-13, 2013, and are required to stay overnight in the residence hall with the participants. The FGBLC Student Facilitator position is a volunteer position. Student Facilitators will fulfill the following roles/goals for the conference:

- Represents OSU in a professional manner at all times prior to, during, and after the conference
- Understands that FGBLC students will look to you as a role model of a successful student leader
- Serves as a small group facilitator along with a professional staff member during the conference
- Assists in aiding FGBLC students with processing what they learn during the conference and helps them understand how it directly relates to being a successful student leader
- Helps to create a safe environment for all participants, so they feel comfortable enough to share their perspectives and experiences.
- Communicates clearly and directly with all professional staff teammates about small group interactions and any objectives of the group
- Acts in an inclusive manner with all participants
- Creates bonds with all participants by getting to know them on a personal level
- Remains time conscious as we are on a tight schedule during the conference
- Remembers what it was like to be a freshman, with all the thoughts and emotions that come with that stage of college life
- Encourages and motivates students to get as much out of the conference as possible
- Follow up with small group students throughout their first year
- Posts/comments on the facebook group as a function of keeping in touch with participants
- Has fun: leaves the conference having made new friends, and leans even more about leadership (teaching can be a great way to learn!)
Qualifications

Students must be at least a second-year student at the beginning of Autumn Semester 2013 and whose undergraduate degree will not be completed prior to May 2014. Student facilitators should be in good academic standing and good disciplinary standing, and should demonstrate success at Ohio State. Students should also possess a desire to work with incoming first-year students and a general knowledge of university resources and procedures. Students will be required to take part in 3-4 training sessions in Spring Semester 2013 in preparation for the FGBLC.

Benefits

- Cultivation of lasting relationships with university faculty, staff, and students
- Opportunity to further explore leadership qualities and involvement while a student at Ohio State.
- Meet influential leaders from Ohio State University, the City of Columbus, and the state of Ohio.
- Résumé enhancement
- Program expenses covered (Lodging, Meals)
- Opportunity to share personal expertise and your student experience with a group of incoming first-year students in a real-life setting

Selection process

FGBLC Facilitator selection has the following steps:

1. Applications will be reviewed by Economic Access professional staff. Depending on the size of the applicant pool, individuals may be invited to a group interview.
2. Selected applicants will be invited to an individual interview.
3. Students selected for the FGBLC facilitator position will be notified no later than February 8, 2013.

Contact information

If you have any questions concerning this position, please contact Brandi Baker (First Generation Program Coordinator) at baker.1995@osu.edu or 614-247-2720. UAFYE & Economic Access actively seek a diverse staff.