

# Helping YOU Connect to FIU

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## **Mission**

The Center for Student Engagement supports the success of students by fostering academic, career, and campus engagement opportunities via collaborative partnerships with the FIU community.

## **CSE Areas of Focus**

- Peer Mentor Program •
- Student Engagement •
- Programming

## Peer Mentor Program - https://go.fiu.edu/peermentor; peermentor@fiu.edu

Peer Mentors are current and/or future FIU student leaders who assist First Year Experience instructors in a given semester. The main objective for a Peer Mentor is to help guide students throughout their first semester in college by sharing their personal experiences as a new student. Peer Mentors are utilized as a great resource for students and many times facilitate discussions and activities on specific topics in the course.

#### What do we look for in a Peer Mentor?

- Someone who is responsible and takes the initiative to help others
- A role model to their fellow peers
- A student who is energetic and shows pride in FIU
- Someone who has a positive attitude and is helpful inside and outside of the classroom •

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Currently enrolled degree-seeking undergraduate student •
- Completed 1 year or more at FIU
  - Transfer students must have completed 1 semester or more at FIU
  - Cumulative 2.5 GPA or above

#### How can you apply?

The application goes live in January. Join our Instagram page to receive updates as we move closer to the release date.

## **Student Engagement Resources**

Engagement can take many shapes and forms, from building more intentional relationships with faculty, to seeking service opportunities and being more academically involved (e.g., joining a professional organization and undergraduate research). We help students find engagement opportunities that make sense for their goals and interests.

- Searchable Engagement Database <u>http://go.fiu.edu/engage</u>
  - Filters 160+ opportunities by passion area, campus location, and keyword.
  - Passion Areas: Career & Professional Development, Research & Scholarship, Service & Leadership, Social & Interest Groups, Sports & Traditions, and World & Culture
- Student Engagement Meeting Requests <u>http://go.fiu.edu/meetcse</u>
  - 1-hour student meetings to discuss interests, develop SMART goals, create a personalized engagement plan, and follow-up in 1 week then 1 month.
- Department Instagram <u>https://instagram.com/fiupeermentors</u> (@FIUPeerMentors)
  - We post information on a wide variety of exciting opportunities, upcoming events, and campus resources that will help students be successful at FIU and have fun in the process.

#### Programming - https://cse.fiu.edu/events/index.html

Events are open to all undergraduate students

- Panther Academic Success Series
  - Opportunity for experts to provide information that will help first semester students better transition to FIU and current students be more successful. Many a time, these workshops allow students the opportunity to become involved on campus and increase their self-awareness.
  - Topics may change from semester to semester, but we consistently offer sessions on choosing a major, academic success, stress management, and career readiness.
- Panther Connections Panels
  - Students listen to and potentially meet with professionals in the field. The hope is that students will find/confirm their passion area and major of study through participating.
  - Panelists may answer questions related to their undergraduate status as an undecided student, if their major is related to their career, obstacles they may have faced, and advice they would like to share with students.
- Love Your Major Fair
  - Gives students the opportunity to meet with academic advisors from all the colleges/schools and discuss topics such as what classes are required for different majors, what to consider when choosing a major, and careers associated with said major.
- Student Engagement Fair
  - Provides students with the chance to interact with more than 40 engagement opportunities on campus related to six passions areas: Career & Professional Development, Research & Scholarship, Service & Leadership, Social & Interest Groups, Sports & Traditions, and World & Culture.

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer 2020!

#### Panther Academic Success Series - Location: http://go.fiu.edu/csepass

- The Keys to Succeed
  - Wednesday, June 10; 11:00am-12:00pm
- Time Management
  - Monday, June 29; 12:00pm-1:00pm
- "Major" Decision Making
  - Wednesday, July 15; 12:00pm-1:00pm
- Let's Talk About Stress

   Thursday, July 23; 11:00am-12:00pm

More to Come!