MISSION
The mission of the Peer Mentoring program is to empower students with life management skills (such as time management, organization, and problem solving skills) so that they can experience academic success and become self-reliant. Our mission is to enhance the DSU experience by promoting a proactive approach to the students’ academic environment.

GOAL
The goal is to serve as an integral part of the University to promote a successful transition for freshman into college life while supporting the improvement of academic success, the development of responsible citizens, and lifelong learning. The mentors will be assisting other students with “Making Our Mark on the World” through a positive “Hornet Experience”.

Learning as a whole integrates academic learning and student development. In the past these two areas have been considered separate and independent. Our goal is to marry the two areas and show the merger having a positive influence and a major connection for the students.

Practical exposure: mentees will gain effective communication skills, capacity to manage one’s personal affairs, maintain personal health and wellness, prioritize leisure pursuits, and have a feeling of purpose and satisfaction with their life.

The program will assist in exposing the new students to campus recreation programs, health center programs, drug and alcohol education, career services, financial planning, personal counseling, academic and personal advising.

Mentors will guide students how to utilize campus resources to successfully navigate through the academic year.

Outcomes for mentees include: Realistic self-appraisal and self-understanding; personal attributes such as identity, high self-esteem, confidence, ethics and integrity, personal goal setting, meaningful relationships, interdependence, ability to work with a variety of people.

Learning outcome: Students will embrace their academic curricula and plan for their collegiate years towards graduation.

Academic Achievement: New students will be shown how to manage college experience to achieve academic and personal success; leading to academic goal setting – including obtaining a degree.

Learning outcome: Students will follow their curriculum and use the proper resources on campus to support their learning endeavors and personal needs- leading to degree completion.

Mentors will introduce the new students to the organizations on campus and assist in getting the students “connected” on a social level.

Students will better understand how their behavior impacts the campus communities: mentors will assist in the involvement in student organizations, leadership, student judicial boards, involvement in academic areas, leading to the student being able to identify with the campus community.
Learning outcome: Students will recognize opportunities for making responsible, reflective decisions about and for both themselves and the community around them.

WHAT IS A MENTOR?
What is a mentor? The word has come to grow into many meanings: guide, adviser, counselor, and teacher. It has also come to mean a more-experienced friend who assists someone with making an important transition, learning a new skill, or facing an unknown challenge. A Peer is someone who is of equal standing with you. A peer mentor is a student who has learned from experience and has developed skills to successfully guide other students through. Our goal is to establish a solid Mentoring program that proactively provides positive influence, moral support, genuine concern and a caring attitude that ultimately inspires our first year students attending Delaware State University to succeed in obtaining their academic degree. The goal is to accomplish this with the least amount of barriers typically associated with adjustments to the college environment. By engaging and connecting Faculty, Staff, Peers, and/or Alums, with all first-year students, we will holistically touch every student in one form or another. MISSION

The mission of the Peer Mentoring program is to empower students with life management skills (such as time management, organization, and problem solving skills) so that they can experience academic success and become self-reliant. Our mission is to enhance the DSU experience by promoting a proactive approach to the students’ academic environment.

Benefits of the Mentoring program:

Academic programs aim to provide learning support and ease academic transitions to the university.

Mentors are selected appropriately and undergo effective training before starting.

Mentors understand their role and are committed to it.

Mentoring sessions are structured but allow mentors come flexibility.

Mentors are provided with ongoing support from the OMA support staff and other Academic Enrichment staff.

The experience provides mentors with a form of service learning within the DSU learning community.

If you are interested, please select and view the Mentor Description for the guidelines and responsibilities.

To become a Mentor, please select to view and submit an Application

If you would like to receive a mentor, please select and submit the Mentee form.