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Keep a lookout for future events bringing Mentors and Mentees together to connect and get to know each other in a social environment. Mentors should meet with their mentees one-on-one at least once a week, but these events will provide an opportunity to get to know the other mentors and mentees involved in the program. These events will give mentors and mentees the chance to make friends, gain insights on other mentoring techniques that have worked for fellow mentors, and be rewarded for their efforts and dedication to the Peer-to-Peer Mentor program.

Future newsletters will keep you updated on what is going on within the Peer-to-Peer Mentoring program and on the rest of Rider’s campus. Being a mentor within this program does not limit mentors to only supporting their mentees in academic endeavors and we want mentors to be knowledgeable about opportunities for their mentees (or themselves!) throughout the different facets of Rider University. If a mentee asks a question regarding an aspect of life at Rider that the mentor is not familiar with, contact us to help find the answer or send them to the right person to get the answer.

It is important to take the time to explain to mentees the importance of campus traditions, common events such as Bronc Bingo and Bronc Buffets and the importance of campus-wide celebrations such as Cranberry Fest, Midnight MAACness and University Day.

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If a mentee wants to get involved in any leadership positions on campus, let them know what is available at Rider University! If they are interested in influencing campus policy and having their voice be heard, encourage them to join the Student Government Association (SGA) or volunteer to be a senator for their residence hall or as a commuter representative.

After the fall concert, students might be interested in getting involved in similar events. Be sure to tell them about the Student Entertainment Council (SEC)!

If a mentee is a commuter looking to feel more connected to campus? The Association of Commuting Students (ACS) is the governing body of all commuters and allows commuters to get involved in on-campus events.

For mentees who live on campus, encouraged them to get involved in their Residence Hall Association (RHA). This will help them meet other students in their building that they might not know and offer more opportunities to get involved and get connected to campus.

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If a mentee is interested in community service opportunities, there are many options for them here at Rider University. There are a variety of different clubs and organizations that offer community service opportunities at a varying levels of commitment.

If a student is looking to immerse themselves in service, then the Bonner Community Scholars Program might be for them. For students who want a different experience, maybe Alpha Phi Omega is right for them. Inductions into APO happen in the Spring and Fall semesters.

Students can also join Circle K, Rider SERVES, the Student Blood Council, or One for One TOMS for service opportunities.

Students interested in service may also want to consider Greek Life. Each Greek Chapter on campus has a philanthropy that they support throughout the year through various programs.

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There are many opportunities to get involved in activities on campus. A mentor should inform their mentee about campus events (or even inviting them to events) as a way for new students to learn what activities are offered on campus. Not everyone wants to be president of SGA, but they may want to sit on a general board of a larger organization or get involved in one of the many smaller clubs and organizations on campus.

Mentees should also be encouraged to start their own organization on campus if a current club does not suit their needs. Clubs must be approved by the Student Senate to be recognized and receive funding from the Finance Board. Mentors should give their mentees the correct contact information in the Student Government Association to receive the necessary information on the process of approving new clubs.

Intramural sports is another great way for students to get involved on campus. Intramurals are ideal for students who want to stay active in athletics without the commitment required for clubs sports. Students can sign up individually or with a team.

Rider offers over 100 active clubs and organizations for students to get involved in. The best part? If Rider doesn’t offer what you want, you can start a club yourself!

Remember:
Freshman do not know what the many acronyms at Rider University stand for. You know what RHA, SGA, ACS, SEC, OCL, BLC and SRC stand for, but they don’t! Take a minute and explain it to them!

The GLASS (General Liberal Arts and Sciences Studies; undeclared major) Peer-to-Peer Mentor Program connects entering freshmen with successful and experienced upper level students to assist them in their transition to Rider. The Peer-to-Peer Mentor experience will provide motivation, encouragement and support to help foster an environment that contributes to the academic success of the new Rider student.

The goal of this program is to match current Rider students with incoming freshmen to assist with their transition to college life. Mentors will be expected to provide social, academic, and procedural guidance to their mentees. The ideal mentor will be encouraging, supportive and committed to fostering an environment that contributes to the success of first-year students.