Harding University Peer Guide Program

Purpose: The purpose of the Peer Guide Program is to assist first year students in making a successful transition to Harding University through intentional interaction and leadership provided by trained peer guides.

Goals
- Create and strengthen a sense of community among first year students
- Increase use of curricular and co-curricular resources among first year students
- Provide an additional strategy for identifying and assisting at-risk students
- Provide leadership development opportunities for upper class students

Qualifications and Competencies
- Desires to serve students in making a successful transition to Harding University
- Exhibits a maturing faith in Christ evident in one’s integrity, initiative & attitude
- Possesses a belief and involvement that reflects the mission of Harding
- Is a member in good standing of the church of Christ
- Demonstrates interpersonal and small group communication skills
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA on at least 45 hours completed at Harding
- Minimum of one academic year remaining to degree completion at Harding
- Unfortunately, students may not serve as a Peer Guide & Resident Assistant simultaneously

Selection Process
- Bible professors nominate upper class students to serve as peer guides
- Students nominated and invited to submit application to FYE Office
- Applications reviewed by the FYE and Student Life Offices for verification
- The FYE office sends an “award” letter to students selected to serve

Benefits
- Opportunity to be mentored and trained in ministry by COBAM faculty
- Develop and articulate transferrable skills for ministry and service
- Identify personal leadership styles and strengths
- Play a critical role in helping to create Harding’s community of mission by developing Christ-like relationships with students, staff, and faculty
- Selection to the Peer Guide Program comes with a stipend of $950! ($475 for fall & Spring)