Call for Peer Mentors:

Hi everyone! Orientation Committee is now looking for approximately 30 upper year students to serve as Peer Mentors for the incoming 1L students. Anyone who is interested in applying must submit two paragraphs explaining why they are interested in being a Peer Mentor and what experience they have that would be beneficial to incoming students. Attached is a brief application form. Please submit the application form by email to **laworien@unb.ca** no later than **July 11th**. Messaging the Orientation Committee over Facebook or other social media will not be considered an application.

Peer Mentors have several responsibilities during the course of the year, which you will find below. This year, we are committed to creating lasting relationships between the 1Ls and their Peer Mentor, so applicants must be willing to contact students after Orientation Week, and plan little get-togethers with students to give students the support that they need.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR MENTEES:**

**Suggested topics and times for meetings through 2018-2019**

1. **Last Week of August**

Peer mentors are given the names of their incoming first year students.

1. **Orientation Week**

Meet with first year students and upper year mentors in groups at the Welcome Meet and Greet (Pizza Party). Give tours to mentor group during the first week.

Participate in Orientation activities where applicable (and as space permits) (Market Visit, Boat Cruise etc.)

1. **Middle of September**

Email first year students to check on their experience with Foundations and inquire about their regular classes. Mention importance of study groups and give them tips on how to get one going and what makes one work.

1. **Early October**

Arrange an activity with peer mentors and mentees (go for coffee, lunch at the Cellar, walk in Odell Park or along the Green/walking bridge downtown, etc…)

1. **Mid-October**

Mini debriefing for peer mentors to share insights and assess mentor group dynamic.

1. **Mid-November**

Email first year students to ask about their progress in their courses and assess if they are starting to prepare for exams. Encourage them to start doing so. Ask if they are part of a study group and if not, encourage them to join or form one.

1. **December 5th**

Email/FB message first year students wishing them luck on exams and asking how they are doing.

1. **Early/Mid-January**

Arrange a welcome back activity with peer mentors and mentees. Ask how they did on first term exams and how they handled their work load in 1st semester. Ask if they are participating in any recruitment activities and if so, how they are managing.

1. **Mid-February**

Check in with first year students to inquire about moot experience.

1. **Mid-March**

Email first year students asking how term is going. Assess if they are starting to prepare for exams and encourage them to start doing so. Ask if they are part of a study group and if not, encourage them to join or form one.

1. **April 10th**

Email first year students wishing them luck on final exams.

The above are meant to be a guideline for the year outlining the **minimum** contact with first year students. Peer mentors are, of course, invited and encouraged to maintain more contact with their first year students, as desired.

**Peer Mentor Application 2018/2019**

Name:

Year:

Email:

Will you be living in residence? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Peer Mentors must be available for a full day of training on Sept. 3rd (Labour Day-note that this is the same day as the mandatory Pizza Party for 1Ls). Will you be available and in Fredericton on this day? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you willing to check in with your 1L group throughout the year, and arrange small get-togethers with the students ? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Please indicate if there are other applicants that you believe you would work well with. (Peer Mentors will be assigned in groups of three.)

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In a paragraph or two, please explain why you would like to be a Peer Mentor and what you think makes you a strong candidate.