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Peer Leader Application Guidelines 2009 – 2010

What is ConneXions?

ConneXions is a great set of introductory student programming primarily geared toward students in their first and second years. Its home is the office of Peace & Justice Programs. ConneXions peer leaders are advised directly by Peace & Justice staff.

ConneXions leadership is an outlet for innovative, community and justice-conscious Xavier students who are interested in being leaders in community engagement and social issue analysis. Through ConneXions, participants and peer leaders alike, learn, serve and grow within and beyond the Xavier community.

Which leadership opportunity most fits your strengths and passions?

- **ConneXions I (Wednesdays or Thursdays 3-5:30PM)**

ConneXions I is a semester-long experience with two different sessions - first and second semester. The focus of ConneXions I is to explore Cincinnati through direct service projects at different non-profit organizations throughout the city while also building friendships with like-minded peers. There are two reflection sessions ("innings") throughout the semester.

There are 8 peer leader positions. 4 for students over 21 years and 4 for students under 21 (as of 9/15/09). Prior ConneXions participation is preferred but not required.

- **ConneXions II (Tuesdays 3-5:30PM)**

ConneXions II is a year-long exploration of social justice issues in partnership with non-profit agencies throughout the Cincinnati area. Building friendships, education, and reflection are also a strong part of this program. ConneXions II aims toward skill building and deeper understanding during the first semester and action on a given issue of choice during the second semester. Leaders are invited to plan a 2 week session on an issue of their choice during 1st semester.

There are 4 peer leader positions. 2 for students over 21 years and 2 for students under 21 (as of 9/15/09). Prior ConneXions participation is preferred but not required.

Who qualifies?

Any Xavier undergraduate student with an interest in leading peers to explore Cincinnati through the lens of service or social justice. Both teams welcome students entering their sophomore through senior years. All Peer Leaders must be able to attend short weekly meetings with P&J staff and fellow leaders during both the Fall and Spring semester in addition to the weekly ConneXions outings or innings.

Expectations of all ConneXions Peer Leaders:

- Attend weekly planning and evaluation meetings with fellow leaders and P&J staff
- Provide input, support, and assistance for all ConneXions participants and fellow leaders
- Commit to leading every Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 3-5:30PM
- Assist with ConneXions recruitment and promotion at Club Day and other outlets
- Promote additional opportunities for students to connect to our campus and local community
- Design and facilitate education and reflection opportunities
- Share your enthusiasm for service, social justice, and Cincinnati

Application Instructions:

Return a paper copy of your application by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009** to Peace & Justice Programs office at the Dorothy Day House.

Questions? Contact Molly @ robertshawm@xavier.edu or Chris @ bridgesc@xavier.edu.

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Personal Information

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
First Name	Last Name			Cumulative GPA	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Local Address/ML	City	State	Zip	Preferred Phone	
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
Permanent/Home Address	City	State	Zip		

		Current Year (Circle):	FR	SO	JR

Email Address					
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
# of Credit Hours for Fall Semester	Major				Date of Birth

Rank Order of Interest (1=highest interest, 2=secondary interest, 0=no interest):

_____ **ConneXions I** (service, community building, and explore Cincinnati)

_____ **ConneXions II** (social justice exploration, advocacy, community building)

Availability

Based on my Fall 2009 schedule, I prefer to lead on: _____ TUESDAY _____ WEDNESDAY _____ THURSDAY

I am available lead: _____ FULL YEAR _____ 1st SEMESTER ONLY – Why? _____

Transportation

_____ I am over 21 years of age and am certified to drive 15 passenger vans

_____ I will be 21 years of age by 9/15/09 and am willing to complete Van Driver Training by 9/30/09

_____ I am under 21 years of age, but I'm willing to transport students in my personal vehicle

_____ I am not interested in or able to transport student participants

I certify that all statements made by me on this application are true to the best of my knowledge, and that I have not withheld any information that would, if disclosed, affect my application unfavorably.

I have read the ConneXions peer leader position descriptions and I can, with reasonable accommodation, perform what I believe to be the essential elements of the leadership position for which I am applying. I understand and accept the principles of the ConneXions Peer Leadership Team as expressed in its purpose.

Applicant Signature

Date

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Activities List

Please list any planned leadership roles you will be in or are in the process of applying for during the 2009-2010 school year:

Activity	Position/Role	Dates of Involvement

Written Response

Please answer the following questions on a separate, typed sheet. Responses should be complete, but also concise. Please respond to each question individually.

1. Why do you want to be a ConneXions leader? What qualities do you bring that will benefit ConneXions and promote its philosophy and purpose?
2. What is the importance of service in the Xavier community, and why is service important to you?
3. What is the importance of social justice education and advocacy and why is it important to you?
4. How would you like to see ConneXions develop in the future and what role would you like to play in this development?