

INTERLINK PEER MENTORS

Global Leaders of Tomorrow



Overview of Commitments

The Interlink Peer Mentors (IPM) serves as an important connection between international students, scholars, and campus life. At the beginning of each semester, IPM assists new international students and scholars at the International Student Orientations. Interlink Peer Mentors are integral in creating a welcoming and appealing community to new international students and scholars. Throughout the academic school year, Interlink Peer Mentors will work closely with International Student and Scholars Services (ISSS) staff to continue serving in their roles of being a friend, a cultural navigator, a resource person and a global leader by assisting in events and services offered through ISSS in the Center for International Education.

Once selected, Interlink Peer Mentors will develop critical cross cultural skills and become engaged global leaders for ISSS and the Center for International Education (CIE). Being involved in IPM is a wonderful honor that comes along with leadership and responsibilities. Participation in IPM is a rewarding and fun experience.

Participate in Interlink Trainings

- The training will focus on both intercultural and practical issues, both on and off campus, faced by new international students and scholars at Xavier University.

Assist at International Student Orientations (ISO)

- The week before classes each semesters., mentors assist with orientation activities such as check-in, campus tours, skits and small group activities as well as interact with the new students or scholars to help them become familiar to campus and alleviate any anxieties during their first few days at Xavier.
- IPM assists with the preparations for the International Student Orientations. Duties may include compiling new student materials, going on airport pickups, and accompanying new students when they first arrive to campus.
- Work with ISSS staff to plan events and programs for activity nights.

Participate and Assist at CIE Events

- You may be helping set up or take down at various events throughout the academic year.
- Take advantage of opportunities to interact and re-connect with international students and scholars during those times.

Report Concerns

- (esp. relating to cultural adjustment or personal issues) To one of the ISSS staff in the Center for International Education. At times, being new and immersed in a different culture and language can be stressful to a new international student or scholar. While you should not break a confidence, it is important that the ISSS staff is made aware of any problems or issues that may require additional intervention.

Serve on Committees

- Monthly Social Meetings (monthly)
- International Education Week (Fall)
- WorldQuest (Spring)
- Cross Cultural Retreat (Fall)

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