Peer Leader Profile

Arts and Business Living-Learning Community

1 >> Why did you choose to be a Peer Leader?
This differs from other leadership opportunities because it provides the opportunity to work on the front-lines, connecting with and directly affecting those that I work with. Being a Peer Leader means that I have the opportunity to share my experiences in the program and help first-years get answers that I had when I was in their shoes.

2 >> What program are you in?
Honours Arts & Business - Co-op, with a major in Speech Communication and a Human Resources specialization.

3 >> What have you learned as a Peer Leader?
[I now have] a more seasoned understanding of my personal communicative style and teamwork [abilities]. A major aspect of this experience is working with my team of ARBUS Peer Leaders - regularly brainstorming ideas, coordinating with each other, and executing events.

4 >> What would you say to somebody who is thinking of being a Peer Leader?
Do it. Opportunities like these are rare – a team is fully assembled for you, and a strong supporting mentor is ready and willing to go above and beyond to make this experience a rewarding one. The challenges in being a Peer Leader are tough but it is a high-involvement/high-rewards experience.

5 >> What would you say to a student who is thinking of joining the Arts and Business Living-Learning Community?
Coming from someone who was never a part of the LLC in first-year to being a Peer Leader in the LLC, I can see the value of the program. The LLC is a great way to meet people in your program and it facilitates an environment of group-learning. This community is structured like a peer-support group, which provides extra benefit to help you transition into the university environment.

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