

Interfaith Peer Educator

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT LEADERS AT KNOX

Student leaders play a vital role in shaping the Knox College experience. While our leadership opportunities are diverse, each has the common goal of enhancing campus life, complementing the academic experience, and upholding the College's values of critical thinking, inclusivity, respect and support. Student leaders are able to affect change on campus through mentoring, advocacy, peer education and program development. They experience the fulfillment of service as well as the added benefit of marketable skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and time management.

Overview

The Office of Spiritual Life strives to nurture the ethics and spiritual identities of our community, while helping students navigate and define their own spiritual experiences and practices. Interfaith Peer Educators play a crucial role in fostering an inclusive and respectful campus environment that embraces diverse religious and non-religious perspectives. As a representative of the Office of Spiritual Life, Interfaith Peer Educators contribute to the development of an interfaith community, promoting understanding, tolerance, and engagement with various spiritual practices, worldviews, and traditions. Whether you find comfort in the embrace of a particular faith practice, the beauty of nature, or the wisdom of ancient philosophies, working as an Interfaith Peer Educator will give you the opportunity to learn more about your own beliefs, spiritual practices, and traditions while enabling others explore and deepen their own spiritual journey as well.

Responsibilities

- Pre-Employment Spring Term (new leaders only): Successfully complete IDIS 130: Introduction to Leadership course (.5 credit).
- Serve as a positive representative for the Office of Spiritual Life within the campus community.
- Demonstrate a commitment to fostering inclusivity, understanding, and respect for diverse beliefs.
- Plan and actively participate in Office of Spiritual Life-sponsored programs, including:
 - Interfaith Dinners
 - Religious Prayers and Festivals
 - Hope Center and Spiritual Life Programming
 - Inter-campus communications
- Engage in ongoing interfaith literacy activities to deepen understanding of both personal and diverse worldviews.

- Actively seek opportunities for personal growth and learning about different religious and non-religious perspectives.
 - Attend Interfaith Team meetings (schedule to be proposed) and actively participate in discussions and planning.
 - Collaborate with fellow Interfaith Peer Educators and staff to coordinate and execute programing effectively.
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- Attend all aspects of designated training, including sessions scheduled in spring, fall, and ongoing throughout the year.
 - Stay informed about best practices in interfaith dialogue and community building.
 - Engage in leadership development opportunities across campus to enhance personal and professional skills.
 - Actively contribute to the growth and success of the interfaith community.

Characteristics

- Demonstrates unwavering commitment to Knox College and the Office of Spiritual Life's goals, missions, and values, adhering to professional and ethical standards.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Open-minded and respectful, actively seeking to deepen personal beliefs while engaging with diverse religious perspectives.
- Enthusiastically participates in interfaith initiatives.
- Displays enthusiasm, initiative, and a keen desire to develop leadership skills.
- Maintains excellent academic standing throughout the academic year at Knox College.
- Excels both independently and collaboratively, coordinating effectively with fellow Interfaith Peer Educators and student leaders.

Benefits

- Opportunities for personal and professional growth.
- Networking opportunities with diverse campus communities.
- Contribution to the creation of a more inclusive and understanding campus environment.

Compensation

Interfaith Peer Educators are expected to contribute a minimum of 10 hours of service each term and not to exceed 40 hours per term. Hourly compensation will be fifteen dollars an hour.