

Meet someone new

Help college students adjust to a foreign land - Chapel Hill

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UNC upperclassmen and graduate students have the opportunity to help international students adjust to life in Chapel Hill through the Campus Friends program sponsored by the International Students Center.

"We are looking for people with free time and an interest in international affairs to help someone new get used to life around UNC," Campus Friends Coordinator Tracy Hall said.

Campus Friends is a program designed to help newly-arrived international students adjust to life in the United States and to provide an opportunity for the development of international friendships.

"The Campus Friends program provides an excellent opportunity for UNC students to get involved, to learn about another country and culture and to see the United States from a different perspective," Hall said.

Campus Friends must plan to arrive in Chapel Hill before August 19 and attend meetings

prior to the beginning of the fall semester. On August 19 at 10 a.m., students will meet at the International Center to obtain information about the program. On August 21, students will attend a mixer at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, where they will meet their international friend — and on August 22 at 2 p.m., the Campus Friends will attend a picnic at Battle House Field.

Then, depending on the specific needs of the international student, the Campus Friends will help solve any difficulties the student may

have, such as campus orientation, setting up checking accounts, buying textbooks, catching buses, getting to class, or even buying groceries.

After the initial meeting, there is no set schedule or time requirement for participation in the program. According to Hall, Campus Friends need to check up on their international friend during the first two to four weeks of school. The program is individualistic in that the amount of time spent together is up to the Campus Friends and depends on the individual needs of the international

students, he said.

According to Hall, 111 students have applied to become Campus Friends. There will be 180-200 international students attending UNC in the fall.

Students here for the summer can become involved with Campus Friends program by picking up students at the airport and hosting students.

Students who are interested in Campus Friends can obtain information by calling the International Center at 962-5661, or coming by the center in the Student Union.



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