

# I Believe...that I have what it takes to be a Peer Leader

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Several departments in Student Development and Academic Affairs are teaming up to find the 2005-2006 Peer Leaders. What is a Peer Leader? It's any student who has the drive, potential, and the motivation to enhance their own leadership development and the development of their peers. On January 25 and 26 at 7:00pm in SMB 162 we will host information sessions about the Peer Leader positions including FYE Course Assistants, Peer Leadership Consultants, SGA Diversity Committee, Major Student Organization Presidents and Chairs, Student Advisers, Reflection Leaders, Resident Assistants, and Transfer Student Ambassadors. If anyone has ever thought about getting involved on campus, now is the time. It's important for students to understand the value of NOW



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Student advisor Jennifer Back speaking with advisee during orientation.

rather than LATER! Taking advantage of all the opportunities provided to you is what promotes growth and improvement. When you leave the amphitheatre in your cap and gown, what will you take with you? What skills will you have gained? Did you fully experience this educational journey and all it had to offer you?

Beth Jarvis, '03, says her current job "involves planning events and showing ownership over a project." Jarvis says, "the skills I use daily, I learned from all my leadership experiences and I gained so much strength and confidence in myself through those experiences." Because of Heather Spell Arrington's, '02, experiences, she says "I

was able to attend graduate school with greater confidence in my ability to do such things as run effective meetings, delegate tasks to others and use my resources." The skills these two alums use in their career were gained through being involved as Peer Leaders. Students should consider what skills they hope to gain dur-

ing their years at Meredith. It's never too late to get involved and to develop and discover one's personal style of leadership. The Student Development and Academic Affairs staff and faculty are committed to students and their development. Our hope is to enhance leadership skills through training on topics such as ethics, conflict management, citizenship, communication, and collaboration. The plans for Peer Leader training sessions on April 1 and April 8 are currently in the works. Students who are interested in gaining valuable skills that will help them in the future are encouraged to attend an information session on January 25 or 26. The time is NOW!

If you are a rising sophomore, junior or senior with at least a 2.4 GPA who does not hold a major campus office for '05-'06 and you want to

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