

DASL - *The Role of the CA*

DASL (Developing Ambitious Student Leaders) is a program that gives students an opportunity to make an IMPACT on campus by developing their leadership skills, organizing educational/social programs and engaging in community service learning projects.

The role of students:

- To participate in “leadershops” that provide the valuable tools to become an effective leader
- To brainstorm, plan, lead and implement campus and residence hall community activities
- To be a positive role model for their peers and fellow community members
- To support the goals & initiatives of the Residence Life Office and entire campus community
- To utilize their skills and experiences gained from DASL in their pursuit of other campus leadership positions that are available to the student population

The role of CAs:

1. Role modeling of leadership
2. Supporters
 - In each sub-committee of DASL, a number of CAs will assist DASL members with the brainstorming, planning and implementation of campus activities.
 - CA supporters are to answer students’ questions and provide ideas and resources. They will also inform DASL advisors of potential issues/problems if they arise.
 - Remember... CAs are NOT the leaders in the planning and implementation of activities in DASL.
 - DASL members will lead. CAs assist and support.
 - Be careful not to “take over” projects.
3. Mentors
 - CA Mentors will be assigned a small group of DASL students to mentor.
 - Mentors are to develop productive relationships with their mentees, assisting them with DASL events, resources, advice, etc. and to help them succeed in all aspects of their college experience.
 - The mentor/mentee relationship should be ongoing and may vary depending on the needs of the mentee.

Suggestions for Mentor/Mentee activities:

- Have lunch/dinner with mentee
- Make mentee a doortag
- Bring mentee to staff meeting
- Have mentee sit with you during desk shift
- Ask mentee to help with bulletin boards
- Teach mentee about CA job or other leadership options
- Make mentee a “goodie bag” and put in mailbox
- Play board games with mentee
- Watch a movie with mentee
- Go shopping with mentee
- Invite mentee to do a round
- Have study time with mentee
- Support mentee’s programs
- Write mentee an encouraging note
- Engage in mentee’s favorite activity
- Go to BU sporting events with mentee