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#### **Mission Statement:**

The College of Education Ambassadors are a select student group of education majors who represent one of the finest College of Education programs in the nation. It is the mission of the College of Education Ambassadors to provide leadership through service, foster communication within the community, disseminate knowledge about teaching and learning, and help demonstrate the high ideals of the UF College of Education.

# BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The College of Education Ambassadors program was established in 1999 to assist the dean with special events and to act as liaisons within the community. Since the inception of the program, Ambassadors have served as tour guides, information officers, and event aides.

### **BENEFITS**

- Network with veteran and top educators
- Leadership experience
- Involvement in campus life
- Fellowship with educational peers
- Develop lasting relationships
- Improve your resume

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide assistance to students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community at events
- Provide leadership and mentorship for future educators
- Provide Norman Hall tours
- Network with fellow EduGators at various events
- Represent COE at college & university sponsored events
- Possess an understanding of the College of Education and its programs

## **CONDUCT**

- Ambassadors are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times
- Ambassadors are expected to be cooperative, respectful and considerate of fellow Ambassadors, alumni, faculty, staff, students, college guests and other associates of the university
- Ambassadors are expected to perform duties, as requested, for each event

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- Sign-up for, and participate in, at least two COE events per semester (summer semester excluded)
- Commitment to the program a minimum of three full semesters (summer semester excluded)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA (minimum) until graduation
- Prior to each event, contact the coordinator to confirm date, location, time and proper attire.
- When volunteering at the events, be articulate, outgoing, and enthusiastic.
- Be reliable.
- Attendance at Ambassador meetings is required.
  - There will be at least one, regularly scheduled meeting per semester. Additional or special meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the Ambassador Liaison. If unable to attend a meeting, it is the responsibility of each Ambassador to contact the Ambassador Liaison. Failure to contact the liaison will result in an unexcused absence and may result in suspension or revocation from the Ambassador program.
- Attendance at a minimum of two (2) events per semester is required and more involvement is encouraged. Occasionally, events are in the evenings or on the weekends.
  - o \*If unable to attend an event, it is the responsibility of each Ambassador to:
    - 1. Notify the Ambassador Liaison that you will be unable to attend.
    - 2. Find a fellow Ambassador as a replacement for the event/activity and inform the Ambassador Liaison of the replacement Ambassador's name.
    - 3. Notify the Ambassador Liaison, five (5) days in advance if you are unable to find a replacement.

## **ATTIRE**

- The official Ambassador polo shirt and nametag should be worn at all events (supplied by the College of Education) unless otherwise advised.
- The standard attire will consist of khaki or black slacks or skirt, depending on the event.
- If professional attire is necessary (i.e. suits, formal dress), the Ambassadors will be notified in advance.

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

- 1. Each prospective Ambassador completes an online application by the date specified.
- 2. A team meets to review applications and give suggestions as to the best-qualified persons to be interviewed.
- 3. Selected applicants are interviewed.
- 4. Following the interview process, the team determines future Ambassadors.
- 5. All applicants are notified of the decision via email.