



Commuter Assistant Program 2020-2021

What do Commuter Assistants do (in a nutshell)?

The Commuter Assistant Program pairs incoming commuter students with seasoned Stony Brook University student leaders who provide support, advice, and camaraderie during the new students' first year.

Commuter Assistants (CAs) are campus leaders who are dedicated to helping other students have a great college experience. They also play an integral part in both the success of Commuter Student Services and Off-Campus Living (CSS & OCL) events and program as well as the Department of Student Community Development as a whole.

What are the eligibility requirements to apply?

- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7
- Must have completed one full semester at Stony Brook or another institution of higher education (ie. first semester transfer students are eligible, but first semester freshmen are not).
- Must commit to the program for the full 2020-2021 academic year
- Must be enthusiastic about helping other students and developing your own leadership abilities through training and hands-on experience

What are the general expectations if accepted to the program?

- Attend the New & Returning Commuter Assistant Welcome Luncheon (**Wednesday 5/6, 2020**)
- Participate in Commuter Assistant Training Parts I & II (**May 23-24, 2020 & August 3-5, 2020**)
- Participate in the Commuter Assistant Meet and Greet Event (**August 3, 2020**)
- Assist during Opening of School in the Fall semester (**August 21-23, 2020**) & Opening of School in the Spring semester (**January 23-24, 2020**)
- Attend Commuter Assistant team meetings (**the first Wednesday of every month during Campus Lifetime**)
- Hold one (1) outreach hour each week between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, selected based on your schedule
- Prompt response to all office communications (emails, Google Calendar invitations, etc.)
- Available to communicate (phone, email, and/or in person) with assigned new student partners over summer 2020 and winter 2021, prior to their first semester, as well as throughout the remainder of the academic year
- Assist with preparation, face-to-face outreach, and facilitation of CSS & OCL events and programs throughout the academic year
- Utilize and regularly check Stony Brook University email address and CSS calendar for new events
- Help plan programs to encourage commuter involvement on campus
- Participate in recommended campus-wide leadership development events

What are some of the benefits of being a Commuter Assistant?

- Helping other students in the Stony Brook University community as part of a great team
- Learning valuable skills and achieving both personal and professional development
- Learning the facets of event-planning as you create fun opportunities for your partners
- Improving your verbal and written communication skills
- Representing the commuter voice on campus-wide panels and committees
- Creating valuable networks with prestigious staff and faculty
- Leadership and community service experience to add to your résumé
- Special events and giveaways exclusively for CAs