Orientation Leader Position Description
2015-2016

On Saturday, August 22, 2015 approximately 40 carefully-selected rising sophomores, juniors and seniors will help our orient new students to Lafayette and help prepare them for individual success at Lafayette College. Through small and large group experiences, educational programs, and social events, our 2015 New Student Orientation Program and its Orientation Leaders will increase new students’ familiarity with student life, faculty and academic expectations and opportunities, and our larger Easton community. We hope you will consider this leadership opportunity.

Criteria for selection:

New Student Orientation selects a student leaders who are representative of the diversity we celebrate in our larger Lafayette community. Orientation Leaders are diverse in background, in thought, in action, and in life experiences, and exhibit multicultural-competency as one of their leadership attributes. In addition, a competent Orientation Leader is enthusiastic, approachable, dependable, mature, and possesses high integrity and good communication. They are superb at group facilitation and able to motivate their peer OL’s as well as new students. Creativity, a positive attitude, a sense of humor, and resourcefulness are other personal qualities that prove invaluable to excelling in the Orientation Leader role. Candidates must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher and be in good standing with the College in terms of personal conduct history. Academic and conduct records will be considered in the selection process.

Responsibilities of Orientation Leaders will include*:

- Participate in spring training sessions during the months of April and May
- Read the new student orientation book that is also assigned to first-year and transfer students
- Return to campus on Saturday, August 22 and participate in intensive training on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday August 23-26
- Facilitate a group of approximately 15 first-year students throughout the four-day and night program from Thursday, August 27 to Sunday, August 30 (or a similarly-sized group of transfer students)
- Act as campus guide and resource during orientation but also throughout the year in an informal capacity
- Serve as an ambassador for Lafayette and hold oneself to the highest standards of conduct and behavior
- Hold peers accountable and set a good example for new students by exhibiting community values and College expectations
- Facilitate group and team building exercises
- Provide personal mentoring and academic advising, as needed

*Orientation Leaders are required to participate in all spring training sessions and may not miss any part off the four-day New Student Orientation program in August.

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