New Student Orientation

Academic Preparation Program
Fall, 2008
Goals of the Program

• Academic Expectations
• Skill Development
• Making Connections (Faculty & Students)
• Advising
• Availability of Services and Resources
Topics Addressed

• Academic Citizenship/Expectations
• Study Skills/Academic Success
• Financial Literacy
• Resources: Blackboard, e-mail, etc.
• Academic Integrity
• Diversity and Multiculturalism
• Time Management
• Conflict Resolution
• Getting Involved
Activities

• Thursday:
  – Welcome Convocation
  – Parent’s Session
  – Team Meetings with Faculty Mentor and Student Peer Leader
  – Meet the Family Picnic
Activities

• Friday:
  – Team Meetings
  – Lunch with Team
  – Advising

• Saturday
  – Team Competition
  – Civic Engagement
Assessment & Future Development

• Student Learning
  – Pre-Test and Posttest
  – Participants vs. Non-participants

• Program Evaluation
  – Survey of Faculty Mentors
  – Survey of Student Peer Leaders
  – Survey of Freshmen
Comparison of Participants to Non-Participating Students

- Study Skills
- Academic Success
- Academic Expectations

Chart showing:
- Attendees vs. those who did not attend orientation in:
  - Study Skills
  - Academic Success
  - Academic Expectations
Comparison of Particants to Non-Participants

- Academic Citizenship
- Academic Goal Setting
- Academic Resources

Legend:
- Blue: Attended Orientation
- Red: Did Not Attend Orientation

Bars represent percentages.
Comparison of Participants to Non-Participants

- Time Management
- Financial Literacy
- Cultural Diversity

Bar chart showing:
- Blue: Attended Orientation
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Perceived Usefulness of Each Topic by Mentors and Peer Leaders

- Cultural Diversity
- Time Management
- Academic Integrity
- Opportunities for Involvement
- Goal Setting
- Conflict Resolution
- Student Rights
- Health Issues
- Study Skills
- Outside Work Expectations
- Academic Success
- Resources
- Academic Skills
- Financial Literacy
- Academic Expectations
- Academic Citizenship

Peer Leaders
Faculty Mentors

0 20 40 60 80 100 120
Recommendations

- Conduct the academic orientation in one day.
- Provide opportunities for students to learn about some subjects in larger groups.
- Eliminate the Jeopardy competition
- Extend the orientation into the 1st semester
- Use interactive teaching techniques with peer leaders involved