A.H.A.N.A. Connections 2016

Would you like to join a team of diverse mentors and students?

Transitioning into college can present unexpected challenges. New friends, new surroundings, and new academic demands can all become overwhelming in your first year. AHANA Connections (Asian-American/Pacific Islander, Hispanic/Latino, African-American/Black, and Native American) is a program to help start your academic career running. The Office of Intercultural Initiatives (OII) offer a three-day orientation designed specifically for incoming students of color. As a compliment to the new student orientation, AHANA Connections helps students adjust to campus life before the hustle and bustle of student activity. AHANA Connections enables students to:

- Engage with the campus community
- Obtain information about student and academic services
- Interact with students from other cultural and diverse backgrounds

Becoming an AHANA Mentor…

- Strong communication skills
- Good time-management and ability to be flexible
- Ability to work well independently, as well as with a diverse orientation staff and groups of new students and parents
- Enthusiasm for Saint Martin’s and the Lacey community.
- Strong desire to learn about resources, services, opportunities, policies and people at SMU.
- Enrolled full-time at Saint Martin’s at time of application and intend to be enrolled as a full-time student for Fall Semester 2016.
- Good academic and judicial standing with Saint Martin’s University.

Work Schedule

The work schedule for AHANA mentors will be made available once the 2016-2017 academic calendar has been finalized. Below is last year’s time commitment.

- Be available to return to SMU on Friday, August 14 (Between 2-5pm)
- Mentor training will be August 15, 17, and 18
- Move in day for mentees August 18
- AHANA program runs August 18 - 20
- Mentorship may continue into the Fall Semester as well (Stay tuned for more info)

Application DEADLINE is Tuesday, January 19th, 5pm: Applications for the AHANA mentor position are available through the student leadership common application.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact jhopkins@stmartin.edu.