

## Becoming A PC or PA

Peer Counselor and Ambassador selections are made in April of each academic year. Applicants must complete the PC/PA application, have obtained at least a 2.5 GPA and be in good standing with the university. Being a Peer Counselor or Ambassador is a fun exciting job that requires a lot of energy and discipline.

## About The Center

The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center (HCDC), formerly known as the Office of Minority Affairs strives to enhance the college experience of culturally diverse students at Mississippi State University. Since its beginning in 1979 as the Office of Minority Affairs, the Center has been an important part of university life.

Many students who interact with the Center consider it to be a "home away from home." In 1991, The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center was dedicated to Dr. Richard E. Holmes, the first African American alumnus of Mississippi State University.

For More information on the Peer Counselor and Ambassador program or The Holmes Cultural Diversity Center Please call (662) 325-2033 or come by our office located at 198 Lee Blvd. Suite 220, Colvard Student Union, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

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their feelings and their need for  
conditions that support their  
academic and personal development.

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# Peer Counselors and Peer Ambassadors



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## What do we do?

Peer Counselors and Peer Ambassadors serve as mentors and university representatives to guide freshman and transfer students of color in developing academic, extracurricular, and social skills at the university level.

## How do we do it?

Each Peer Counselor is assigned 40-45 students each year with whom the Counselor maintains contact throughout both semesters through personal contact e-mails, telephone, The Facebook, letters and programs.

Peer Ambassadors assist Peer Counselors by publicizing and organizing events. Ambassadors aim to include other university organizations in programs to promote the diversity and unity of all university organizations and members.

Both Counselors and Ambassadors are open to helping any student when possible. We maintain an open-mind and positive outlook to help them find your place on campus. We believe it is our job to assist you in becoming a well rounded member of Mississippi State University and push to help diversity become evident in our everyday lives.

Retreat



Keynote Address



## Speaking in actions....

Community Service



NPHC



## Annual Programs

**Umoja**– Literally “unity” in Swahili, this program displays the wide variety of minority and international student organizations active on campus. It is usually the first in-person meeting of counselor and counselee.

**Real World, College Life**– Set at the beginning of the semester in a freshman residence hall, this program allows students to talk with counselors and ambassadors openly, honestly and anonymously to get answers to questions they really want to know.

**Scavenger Hunt**– This highly competitive program gets counselees acquainted with each other and the campus by sending them on a campus-wide scavenger hunt with their Counselors. It usually sets the standard for the most active counselees and a prize is given to the winning team.

**Fall Harvest**– This program allows all students to showcase their artistic talents in an accepting environment. “Mocktails” and refreshments are served under low lights to emphasize a jazzy, sophisticated mood.

**Dawgie Que**– One of the last programs of the academic year, the Dawgie Que is the HCDC PC/PA version of a cookout. With more than enough food provided, counselees are encouraged to bring the friends they have made throughout their first year at MSU.