

Summary of Peer Mentor Program 2020-2021

Peer Mentors & Other Members:

- Rosemary Bayless (returning)
- Ankita Gupta
- Rachel Park
- Cecilia Schaaf
- Grayson Walker
- Annie Wang (returning)
- Josh Wheeler (returning)
- Dr. April Kedrowicz (CVM Leader)
- Katie Sapko

Peer Mentees:

- All 1st year students were assigned to one of 7 peer mentors based on research interest and stated mentorship needs. New peer mentors were assigned 3-5 mentees, while returning peer mentors were assigned 1-2 mentees.

Summary of Peer Mentor/Mentee Activities

- CVM peer mentors and two leaders met bi-weekly to discuss peer mentor events (recap past events/give feedback and plan future events)
- Peer mentors reached out to assigned mentees with a welcome email before the fall semester began and periodically corresponded (in person or via email) with mentees during the semester to check in, answer questions, and encourage participation in peer mentor events
- Peer mentors were responsible for coming up with ideas, planning and executing Peer Mentor associated events.

Summary of Events in Fall 2019

- ***Virtual Meet and Greet with incoming graduate students*** (Aug. 2020) - Held via Zoom. Gave an overview of the program, peer mentors introduced themselves, and peer mentors/new graduate students split into breakout rooms for further introductions/discussions/etc..
- ***Choosing a Committee “Lunch and Learn”*** (Oct. 2020) - Held via Zoom. Collaborated with CBS Program Director and Coordinator of Graduate Programs & Research Training to provide information about the process of forming a committee, then had a graduate-student only discussion and Q/A session about personal experiences and tips on selecting graduate committee members

Summary of Events in Spring 2020*

- ***CALS Hosted All Colleges Meeting*** (Feb. 2021) - Held over Zoom.
- ***Preliminary Exam “Lunch & Learn”*** (Feb. 2021)- Held over Zoom. Started with a short presentation on logistics of the preliminary exam and then consisted of a Q&A between the attendees and Peer Mentors.

- ***Lab/officer ergonomics seminar*** (Mar. 2021)- Planned to do some one-on-one training and shadowing to learn the basics of common lab techniques for the mentees.
- ***CHASS Hosted All Colleges Meeting*** (Mar. 2021)- Held over Zoom.
- ***CVM Hosted All Colleges Meeting*** (April. 2021)- Held over Zoom.
- ***Hemlock Bluffs Hike*** (Apr. 2021)