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Rebel Advocates is a peer education program housed in the Center for Social Justice (CSJ) and is made up of UNLV undergraduate students. This program provides students with the opportunity to raise awareness of pertinent issues to promote a culture of equity. This is done through a 12-week formal training focused on facilitating dialogues around various identity, diversity, and social justice topics. Once going through the training the students offer various service and educational based events and workshops for the UNLV campus community. This is a non-paid position within the Center for Social Justice.

**Vision:**
“To cultivate a REBEL community that is an equitable and inclusive environment for all members with respect to individual and intersecting social identities”

**Mission:**
“REBEL Advocates will foster and facilitate peer-to-peer dialogues, around various local, national, and global social justice issues through a multitude of workshops, trainings, and/or educational events for the UNLV campus community”

**What is the Role of Rebel Advocates?**

- To serve as a student educator to bring awareness to diversity and social justice issues
- To assist in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment within the Center for Social Justice (CSJ) and the UNLV community.
- To serve as an advocate for various social justice issues
- To serve as a resource for students and student organizations
- To serve as change agents and catalyst around social justice issues

*As Rebel Advocates we are often called upon to engage students, staff, faculty, and the community in dialogue around various social justice issues. While we engage in various programs, workshops, and dialogues there are still some areas that go beyond our scope of ability. Below are some areas that we will be happy to find other people on campus for you that would better serve your needs:

- Bias Incident Reporting
- Conflict Management (University and Departmental Level)
- Crisis Management (University and Departmental Level)
Learning Objectives:

Through their involvement with the Rebel Advocates program students will acquire various skills and knowledge. During and at the end of their time in this position students will be able to:

- Demonstrate and articulate their own definition and understanding of social justice and various terminology
- Demonstrate an understanding of theoretical foundations around diversity, multiculturalism, identity development, and social justice
- Demonstrate an increase in understanding of the dynamics of power, privilege, and oppression
- Demonstrate the ability to critically reflect on experiences with power, privilege, and oppression in their own lives
- Demonstrate an increase in awareness of the intersectionality of social identities and social justice issues
- Demonstrate enhanced leadership skills, which include:
  - Facilitation of dialogues around difficult topics
  - Time management and prioritization of tasks
  - Effective communication skills
  - Collaboration and conflict resolution skills (during facilitations)
Requirements:

- Completed Rebel Advocates application and successful interview.
- Must hold a 2.5 GPA cumulative and maintain a 2.5 throughout their involvement.
- Must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at UNLV for the fall and spring semester.
- Be in good standing with the university.
- Must be available for all training dates.

Qualifications and Expectations:

- Ability to understand and articulate social justice issues
- Be committed to the mission of Student Engagement & Diversity and the Rebel Advocates
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work collaboratively with diverse students, staff, faculty, and community members
- Ability to effectively manage time and multiple projects
- Ability to stay on top of current events and the UNLV campus climate
- Work as part of the Rebel Advocates team to plan, coordinate, and implement peer workshops and trainings that address a wide range of social justice issues for a wide range of campus groups (e.g. RAs, student orgs., academic classes, etc.)
- Work with Program Coordinator and Graduate Assistant to create programming efforts that support the mission of the Center for Social Justice and Student Engagement & Diversity
- Provide support to other Center for Social Justice events as needed
- Seek out opportunities for collaborative projects with other campus organizations and departments
- Assist the Center for Social Justice in marketing and recruitment efforts for various initiatives within the office
- Participate in extensive Rebel Advocates training throughout the Fall 2015 semester
- Complete any and all assigned readings as part of the continued learning space
Mandatory Dates:

Training Dates:
Week 1: Friday, September 11th
Week 2: Friday, September 18th
Week 3: Friday, September 25th
Week 4: Friday, October 2nd
Week 5: Friday, October 9th
Week 6: Friday, October 16th
Week 7: Friday, October 23rd
Week 8: Thursday, October 29th
Week 9: Wednesday, November 4th
Week 10: Friday, November 13th
Week 11: Friday, November 20th
Week 12: Friday, December 4th

Event Dates:
Tuesday, September 29th- CSJ Open House
Friday, February 19th through Sunday, February 21st- Cultural Leadership Retreat
*other dates may be assigned as we progress throughout the year*

Additional information:

- Completed applications and resumes are due by Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:00 p.m. You may submit an application in person to the Center for Social Justice (Houssels House) attn: Roberto Orozco or via email to roberto.orozco@unlv.edu
- Qualified applicants will be contacted for short interviews held September 8th and 9th.
- All applicants must hold a 2.5 GPA Cumulative, be enrolled in at least 6 Credits, and be in good standing as a student.
- If you have any questions, please contact Roberto Orozco at 775-376-2743 or email at roberto.orozco@unlv.edu
Rebel Advocates Application

Name: ________________________________ NSHE ID#: __________________________

Email: __________________________________ Phone: _____________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________
    _______________________________________________________________________

Major: ___________________________ Expected Graduation Date: _______________

Cumulative G.P.A. (Must be at or above a 2.5) _____________

Please answer the following questions in a few sentences on a separate sheet of paper.

1. How do you define Social Justice?

2. What are the most pressing social injustices facing this campus and/or community?

3. What experiences have prepared you to educate your peers on these important issues?

4. Are you involved in any other organizations on campus?

Please attach a copy of your resume to this application.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SIGNING: All statements that I have made on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Center for Social Justice to verify the information presented on this application. I understand that any false information may be grounds for not admitting into or removing me from the application process. My signature on this application indicates that I understand and agree to the above statements.

________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature                                      Date

Return completed applications with resumes attached to the front desk at the Center for Social Justice - located in the Houssels House at UNLV - Attn: Roberto Orozco or via email at roberto.orozco@unlv.edu