Beach Days Overview:
In collaboration with our campus partners, Housing and Residential Life has planned activities, workshops, and events that will prepare incoming residents with the experiences that will equip them with tools to become successful with their college and residential journey.

Beach Days Peer Leader Overview:
We recognize that moving into the residential halls for the first time can be a daunting experience. This year, we are implementing the volunteer based- Peer Leader program. The peer leader program focuses on building meaningful connections amongst residential students as they are transitioning into their life at the Beach. Peer Leaders will be assigned a group of residents that they will take to designated meals times and serve as a mentor by having intentional conversations with one another. Topics will focus on policies/procedures in the residential halls, ATOD awareness, Title IX awareness, general housing questions, and providing support around university resources. All peer leaders will go through training on the specific roles/responsibilities of the volunteer position.

Peer Leader Expectations:
- Beach Days Peer Leaders will be assigned to a specific group of residents and will be responsible for taking them to assigned Peer Leader Dinner events
- Serve as a guide as well as a resource to residents
- Serve as a positive representative of the University to new student and their families
- Promote interaction among new students during small group discussions, icebreakers, and meals
- Be respectful to all Peer Leaders, HRL staff, students and guests
- Share positive experiences about the University and avoid sharing negative biases
- Be open to direction
- Know the schedule that you are responsible for
- Inform HRL leadership staff know of issues in a timely manner

Qualifications:
- Must be a currently registered, full-time student at CSULB
- Ability to speak publicly, both for small and large sized groups
- Demonstrate strong communication when interaction with diverse groups of students, families and their guests
- Be respectful of others and their opinions, respect the viewpoints of everyone on our team.
- Be active and participate
- Be mindful of tone of voice/facial expressions and language used

Important Dates:
- Training
  - Beach Days Virtual Training: Monday, August 15th @ 10:00am
- Beach Days Small Groups:
  - 4pm-7:00pm Thursday, August 18, Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20,
- There are additional opportunities to support for those who are interested – email Cara.Surkin@csulb.edu
  - Move-in (a separate sign up will be coming out in a few weeks)
  - Support the thematic community welcomes (Honors, Pride, Black & Pan-African, International House, First Gen, and Transfer Students)
- Help student find their classes on Sunday, August 21st

Benefits:
- Free HRL T-shirt for Peer Leaders during Beach Days
- Dinner will be provided on days scheduled
- Volunteer hours

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