

**Have you considered joining?...**

## **THE INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM**



**The International Buddy Mentoring Program is a college-wide program that is a resource to assist international and multicultural students enrolled at Montgomery College. An international student is defined by the college, as a student who has *any type of visa*.**

**The program provides a working relationship between new, incoming, international students and upper level students. More experienced MC students will serve as a guide to new students and encourage them in ELAP/ ESL course work. In addition, there will be opportunities to explore some programs of study, careers and participate in special events. The International Buddy Program is part of the MC Mentoring Network: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/MentoringNetwork/>**

**The process of adjusting to a new community may be difficult, especially if there are educational system, language, and cultural differences. Therefore, the goal of the International Buddy Program is to help new students adjust to the academic, social and cultural environment at Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Silver Spring and the surrounding areas. The primary mode of communication between the mentor and mentee is email, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties.**

**If you want to enroll in the International Buddy Program as a mentee, please submit your completed application to Student Services Center, Room ST-247 at the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Campus or email to [eniola.olowofoveku@montgomerycollege.edu](mailto:eniola.olowofoveku@montgomerycollege.edu).**

**Note: The International Buddy Program is not intended to replace the services of the International Student Coordinator or College Advisor. If a student has any concerns regarding visa status or class registration, etc., he/she should be directed to the appropriate authority. Students who wish to participate must be enrolled during Spring and Fall semesters at the college. Participation in the International Buddy Program is entirely voluntary.**

## International Buddy Program - **Mentee Application**

\*We will share your email address with your mentor; all other information will be kept confidential.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MC ID #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Country of Origin:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

Below you will find a series of questions; please answer them in detail so that we might be able to identify and place you with an appropriate mentor.

1. Are you facing any difficulties, while studying at MC? Please explain.
2. What is your major?
3. Are you currently taking ELAP or ESL English courses? If so, which courses? (please include CRN number)
3. Please check one: I plan to,  
graduate \_\_\_\_\_ transfer \_\_\_\_\_ other(specify) \_\_\_\_\_
4. How can the International Buddy Program help you to meet your educational goals?