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The VPSL Column: Guest Columnist

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Introducing a Brand New Student Leadership Position at LC

Welcome back students! While we are embarking on a new semester, we are also already making plans for the next academic year. We are excited to be launching a brand new student leadership position: the New Student Peer Mentor (NSPM) role. This is a unique opportunity to welcome new students to our college and help create a community where every student feels like they belong.

NSPMs will work with a group of new students during New Student Orientation. They will then continue to collaborate with this same group throughout the fall semester. Throughout the semester, NSPMs will check in regularly with their students in addition to planning a few events for their group (e.g., going to food carts in downtown Portland, attending a play together). You will receive compensation for fulfilling the responsibilities of this position.

One of the most significant factors in student success is other students. Peer-to-peer relationships are key to helping new students connect to the college and feel at home. We are looking for current students who want to help make a positive difference in the lives of new students. We encourage you to [learn more](#) and consider applying. **Applications are due by February 6.** There will be an informational meeting on January 31 at 3:30 p.m. in Templeton 238. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions.

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