**Definition of Ambassador**

What is an Ambassador and why do we need it at Pre-College Programs? An Ambassador is a current student who serves as a link between their target school and UMD Pre-College Programs. In addition, they also serve as Peer Mentors. Peer Mentoring is a relationship that usually takes place in a learning environment. In peer mentoring a less experienced person assists another less experienced individual.

Recruiting is an ongoing process at Pre-College Programs, in which new students are constantly being admitted. Some of our students have more experience and are more familiar with the Pre-College Programs’ mission, while others are not quite sure of themselves or the program’s mission. The Ambassadors will provide support for those who are continuing students and those who have recently entered the program.

**The Role of the Ambassador in Pre-College Programs**

The role of the Ambassador is to understand the mission of Pre-College Programs and to provide support and guidance to their peers. Aspects of the role will be unique to the individuals you are mentoring. These aspects include, but are not limited to:

- Giving advice, sharing ideas, and providing feedback
- Providing support and encouragement
- Providing guidance toward resources
- Assisting in problem solving

**The Qualifications of the Ambassador**

The Qualifications of the Ambassador include:

- A firm commitment to Pre-College Programs
- Having a GPA of 2.5 or greater
- A commitment to excellence
- Demonstrating leadership ability
- A willingness to mentor peers