Academic Help Ambassador (AHA)
Position Description

Calvin College is a learning community seeking to prepare students for renewing work in every area of God’s Kingdom. Being faithful to the rich learning that happens both inside and outside the classroom is a form of discipleship. The Academic Help Ambassador is a student leadership position that works with Residence Hall leadership and in collaboration with Student Academic Services (SAS) to promote cultures, opportunities, and practices that help residence hall students practice academic faithfulness, achieve academic success, and maximize their learning.

Academic Help Ambassadors will:

1. inform students about and direct students to academic resources on campus (rhetoric center, tutors, etc.).

2. create materials and opportunities that help students learn about effective time/task management and study skills.

3. monitor and manage study spaces in the residence hall including study rooms near the lobby and in the basements (morgues).

4. help students manage high stress academic times (e.g. registration, exams, etc.).

5. brainstorm other creative ways to help encourage a culture of academic faithfulness/success.

6. help Calvin faculty and staff better understand the student experience in the halls that effect academics.

The AHA position requires a training period the first week before classes begin and, on average, 4 hours of work, programing, and meetings each week depending on the time of year and how the CLC divides tasks. AHA’s meet weekly with a SAS Supervisor at 3:30 – 4:15pm on Mondays. Students who serve as AHAs for the whole year and complete requirements have the potential to earn 1 credit for ASC 111.

AHAs report to Kyle Heys, Disability Coordinator/Academic Counselor in Student Academic Services and the Resident Director of their hall.

AHAs are also members of the Community Life Council (CLC). The CLC is facilitated by the RD and includes RAs, Barnabas members, Cultural Discerners (CDs), Multicultural Activities Coordinators (MACs), Community Partnership Coordinators (CPCs), Sustainability Coordinators (SCs) and the Residence Hall Executive Team (RHET). The CLC meets every other Monday evening to coordinate programming and discuss community issues. In addition to weekly programs, the CLC is involved in planning/coordinating:

- September/October – Hall Retreat
- October – Collaborative programing with Unlearn Week
- January – Collaborative programing on sustainability issues