

HIGH SCHOOL AA PEER INSTRUCTORS FALL 2023

GRADUATION PLANNING
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*Spotlight on our High School AA Peer
Instructors for GPS's IDS 1107!*



KAYLA BARNWELL



Q. Why did you choose to become a high school AA peer instructor?

- I chose to become a high school AA peer instructor to give back to FSU. I was in an Engage 100 course as a freshman where I made friends and was provided with a great support system. I would love to build a community for my students and help them find themselves.

Q. What do you think students will gain from your class?

- Students will gain knowledge about a plethora of campus resources that will help them transition more smoothly to FSU. I think students will discover new passions and interests, which will ultimately steer their college career to what makes them happy in life.

Q. What do you like most about FSU?

- As an AA student during high school, I felt quite disconnected from campus, and coming to FSU was completely different. I was immersed into a strong campus involvement culture and made lasting friendships. Through campus involvement, I made connections with other students while giving back to the Tallahassee community.

Q. What are you most proud of from your FSU experience?

- I was able to become a high school AA mentor, complete field experience in my major, start my first job as a desk assistant, and now I have an opportunity to instruct a class for incoming freshmen.

Major:

- Social Science Education

Hometown:

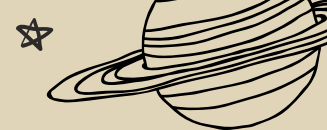
- Jacksonville, FL

AA Degree Institution:

- Florida State College at Jacksonville



MADISON KLICK



Q. Why did you choose to become a high school AA peer instructor?

- For AA students, the transition to university life may prove difficult. I chose to become a high school AA peer instructor to help incoming students become comfortable with their future at FSU and beyond. It is important to make the most out of the college experience and I wanted to be the friendly face that shows students the ropes.

Q. What do you think students will gain from your class?

- Students should expect to grow, gain new friendships, and gain an overall understanding of FSU's opportunities. Students will be encouraged to engage in previous hobbies as well as explore new ones!

Q. What do you like most about FSU?

- FSU has so much to offer! There is a club for any interest you may have. Personally, I enjoy scuba diving and I was given the opportunity to start the certifications for Underwater Crime Scene Investigations.

Q. What are you most proud of from your FSU experience?

- FSU has given me so many avenues to walk down and I am proud of each individual one, no matter how much it differs from the next. I am most proud of my involvement in research. Research, to me, is a wonderful way to expand your own knowledge on a topic as well as produce new knowledge to the world.

Major:

- Biological Science & Criminology

Minor:

- Chemistry & Psychology

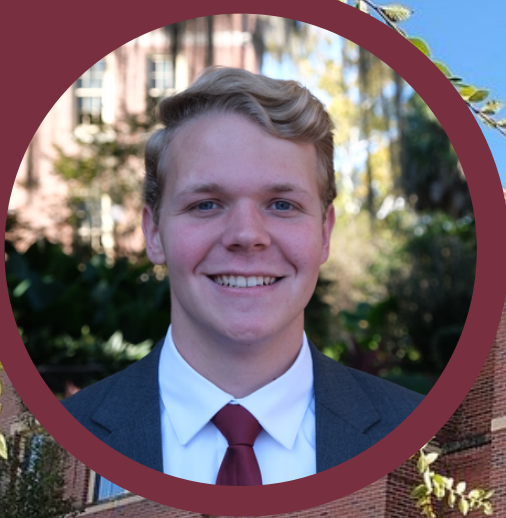
Hometown:

- Wilkes-Barre, PA & Melbourne, FL

AA Degree Institution:

- Eastern Florida State College

SAMUEL KRITZMIRE



Q. Why did you choose to become a high school AA peer instructor?

- I wanted the opportunity to share my knowledge and experiences with other high school AA students at FSU. I did not have the smoothest first few weeks of my freshmen year, but it got a lot better once I learned how to get involved on campus, so I'm excited to share my experiences with freshmen so they hopefully have a smoother transition than I did.

Q. What do you think students will gain from your class?

- I hope my students will learn various practical ways to leverage their AA degree in order to make the most out of their time at FSU! I plan on making our classes both fun and informative, providing a space where students can meet other freshmen and have a less stressful class but still learn a lot.

Q. What do you like most about FSU?

- FSU has so much to offer outside of the classroom. With all of the free events, sports games, student organizations, and nature, there is always something to do with your friends, or to meet new people.

Q. What are you most proud of from your FSU experience?

- I'm most proud of my professional development since coming to FSU. Through my classes, student organizations, and other resources FSU offers like career fairs and employer networking events, I was able to build a solid resume and LinkedIn which helped me secure a good summer internship.

Major:

- Marketing & Finance

Minor:

- Business Analytics

Hometown:

- Jacksonville, FL

AA Degree Institution:

- Florida State College at Jacksonville



SERENITY VASILE



Q. Why did you choose to become a high school AA peer instructor?

- I chose to become a peer leader in order to help and give students the advice/perspective I wish I had when I first came to FSU with my AA. I also like engaging with other students and building meaningful relationships through peer instruction.

Q. What do you think students will gain from your class?

- I believe students will gain a helpful perspective from a student who has gone through what they have and someone that can share their experiences. I think this can be comforting when you are first coming to FSU. Taking this class also gives students another resource to help navigate their FSU experience.

Q. What do you like most about FSU?

- I appreciate the ample opportunity FSU gives students no matter their major. I also love how there is something for everyone extracurricular wise - FSU has clubs and events that everyone can enjoy.

Q. What are you most proud of from your FSU experience?

- During my time at FSU, I think I have changed a lot. I am most proud of my growth and evolution as a person and as a student and I am thankful for all the ways FSU has helped me become who I am now.

Major:

- Public Health & Psychology

Minor:

- Public Administration & Statistics

Hometown:

- Cape Coral, FL

AA Degree Institution:

- Florida Southwestern State College