

PLI Peer Mentors

PLI Peer Mentors are a wonderful addition to the Pioneer Leadership Institute program. These students serve as co-facilitators, assist with curriculum development, promote events, and provide support to our PLI participants. After completion of the PLI program, PLI graduates will be able to apply for this advanced leadership position on campus.



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What is PLI?

Pioneer Leadership Institute (PLI) is a program for first year students. Participants learn about leadership concepts, their personal leadership style, the importance of being part of a team, their areas of strength and improvement, and how to apply their leadership skills inside and outside of the classroom. Students will participate in:

- Teambuilding/Leadership exercises
- Group discussions
- Personal reflection activities
- Community service and civic engagement opportunities

New students who successfully complete all components of the program will be invited to a recognition ceremony and receive their first digital leadership badge, which will be highlighted on their engagement portfolio. Both accomplishments will make the student's undergraduate experience unique and rewarding!



PLI Requirements

All first year students participating in PLI must complete the following activities:

1. Sign Up and join *Pioneer Leadership Institute* on Pioneer Life at: <https://wpunj.edu.collegiatelink.net/>
2. Attend all 3 PLI Modules.
2. Participate in a community



Benefits of PLI

Many students who have participated in PLI have assumed leadership roles in a variety of student clubs and organizations, including the Student Activities Programming Board, the Student Government Association and several of our sororities & fraternities. They have also become resident assistants, student ambassadors, peer health advocates, orientation leaders and peer leaders for the New Student Experience. Other benefits include:

- Discussing your leadership style and how to apply it to daily life.
- Completing the PLI Leadership Badge.
- Enhancing your leadership and communication skills.
- Making new friends.
- Networking with faculty, staff and other students.
- Defining your WILL POWER!
- Building Pioneer Pride.
- Involvement with the community.

