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SUMMARY

I have had the opportunity to work for Orientation and Family Programs(OFP) for the past two summers, initially as an Orientation Leader(OL) than as a Student Coordinator. During my time spent at OFP, I was trained in what it means to be an emotionally intelligent leader and how to handle varying group dynamics. The goal for OFP is to provide the best orientation experience for all freshman and transfer student new to UTSA. As an OL I was able to have a direct impact on freshmen’s days at orientation, and as SC I transitioned into a more superiorly role and learned what it takes to plan and run a seamless orientation program.



SPICES

Orientation and Family Programs has taught me how to lead with emotional intelligence.

HERBS

Supportive: We helped newly graduated high school students transition into university life, what to expect from the first week of classes and, how to best prepare for the academic rigor ahead.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Project Management: As a Student Coordinator (SC)Orientation taught me what it takes to plan and run a smooth program that has every minute of the day planned and accounted for.

Understanding Differences: As both an SC and OL orientation helped me understand how people's differences are what help add value to a group dynamic.



IMPACT

Orientation and Family Programs over the past two summers hosted over 30 Orientation, affectively proving two of the largest Freshman classes in University history with the necessary tools to succeed in their initial steps into academia.

ADVICE

Don't take any moment for granted. It is up to you as a leader to make a person's day, and you do so by choosing your attitude about all situations.