Job Description

College Mentor for the THEA Institute

“The water that I will give you will become in you a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14

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During the THEA Institute, College Mentors serve as role models, resident assistants, small group facilitators, and ambassadors for the high school participants. College Mentors are tasked with creating a welcoming environment that fosters the spiritual development of each participant as a member of the THEA community. They are responsible for the safety and well-being of the participants.

Mentors live on campus in the residence halls, enforce quiet hours in the evening, and lead faith-sharing groups throughout the week.

Responsibilities

- Attend mentor training prior to the Institute
- Live on campus June 23 – 30, 2018
- Facilitate a faith-sharing group of 6-8 high school students
- Organize recreational activities that foster Christian community.
- Guide participants to a deeper understanding of faith, environment, and leadership
- Help participants discover their gifts and awaken their vocational dream.
- Serve as an informal Loyola ambassador, answering questions about Loyola and college life
- Function as Resident Assistants, ensuring that participants adhere to policies and safety guidelines, including rotating through night-time duty schedule
- Advise participants in the development of Community Projects
- Assist THEA staff as needed

Qualifications

- Be an undergraduate, degree-seeking student
- Have an LUC grade point average (cumulative) of at least 3.0 at the time of application
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Experience and passion for working with high school students
- Articulate an understanding of environmental sustainability, Catholic Social Teaching, and Ignatian Spirituality

All College Mentors must complete and pass a background check because they are overseeing minors.
About the Theology of Healing Earth in Action Institute

The Theology of Healing Earth in Action (THEA) Institute explores the sacredness of water in our sacramental and daily lives.

On Loyola’s beautiful Lake Shore Campus, 45 high school students learn about the biblical and scientific story of water and the ethical challenges surround rights to water. Morning and evening prayer are held along the lake or inside Madonna della Strada Chapel. In small group settings, students explore their vocation to care for and heal the earth.

Community Project

THEA asks participants to put theology in action by creating a Community Project on some aspect of ethics, environmental science, and theology. Projects range from original compositions of prayers, poetry, and spoken words to advocacy on eliminating bottled water.

Institute Team

The Institute team is made up of professors who teach the classes, college mentors who serve as small group facilitators, and campus ministry staff who lead worship experiences.