



DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

Political Activist VIA Engagement
PAVE Coordinator Application
University Ministry
2009 - 2010 Selection

APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 1, 2009

I. PAVE Vision

PAVE coordinators will support the DePaul political/activist organizations by building relationships with these organizations' members. PAVE coordinators will meet with these organizations regularly to engage in reflection and resource sharing. These meetings are designed to be safe spaces where the organization members can express their personal successes, challenges and concerns openly and honestly. Weekly, PAVE Coordinators will come together to share their experiences and reflect on their justice work through the VIA model. Ultimately, PAVE Coordinators strive to dedicate themselves to spiritual growth, service, justice, and community building.

II. Organization Structure

In 2008-2009, PAVE engaged 15 Student Life approved activist/political organizations on a bi-weekly basis. Groups included the DePaul Democrats, Activist Student Union, Students for the Advancement of Gender Awareness, Students for Justice in Palestine, Campus Antiwar Network, and others. The Graduate Intern and Coordinators each were responsible for building relationship and sharing resources with approximately 3 activist/political organizations.

The 2009-2010 PAVE structure includes a Graduate Intern, and at least 2 PAVE Coordinators. Preferably, the Graduate Intern serves for two years, and the Coordinators serve for 1 academic year. The Graduate Intern works 20 hours a week, and each of the Coordinators work 5 hours a week. PAVE Coordinators receive a \$500.00 stipend. The stipend is disbursed at the beginning of the winter and spring quarters.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the current PAVE Graduate Assistant **Neil Heyman** at nheyman@depaul.edu

III. Position Description

Responsibilities:

PAVE Coordinators are responsible for:

- **Acting as a liaison** between DePaul activist/political organizations and University Ministry. This includes, but is not limited to, attending meetings and events to share resources, build relationships, and give additional support. In addition, PAVE Coordinators work with groups to build connections between groups that can benefit each groups voice and bring it to a larger university community
- **Building community** with members of political/activist organizations. PAVE is a program that brings people together, regardless of their ideological beliefs. The Coordinators will promote the mission and vision of PAVE by working with at least 3 political/activist organizations
- **Developing spiritually** by participating in VIA meetings. These meetings are designed to be safe spaces where the organization members can express their personal successes, challenges and concerns openly and honestly. The reflections will utilize the VIA model. Through VIA reflection, the coordinators will try to connect the Vincentian mission to civic engagement through the themes of appreciation, dialogue and solidarity.
- **Advocating** for the needs of activist/political organizations through meetings with the PAVE Graduate Assistant. Also, PAVE Coordinators participate in a community service activity once a quarter.

Requirements:

The student should have previous experience in community service or civic engagement; be comfortable in a multi-faith context; demonstrate an ability to work independently; have a minimum of sophomore or junior year standing; have an ability to work well with a variety of people; and have a basic understanding of and commitment to DePaul's Catholic, Vincentian, and urban mission.

IV. Selection Process & Orientation

19-May	Application Available
1-September	Application Deadline
At Your Discretion	Interview with PAVE GA
Within 1 week of your interview	PAVE Coordinators Announced

V. Essay Response

As part of your application, please answer the following questions in *no more than 2* pages typed (for each question), double spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman. Please include your full name and page number at the top of every page.

Question 1: Why are you interested in the position, and (if applicable) politics and activism in general? If you were a PAVE Coordinator, what do you think would be most challenging about the position? How might you overcome this challenge?

Question 2: St. Vincent DePaul was motivated by his faith to serve and advocate for the poor. How does your faith/spirituality motivate you? How would you like your spirituality to grow through your experience with PAVE?

VI. Interview Format

Each applicant will be interviewed by the current PAVE Graduate Intern and members of the UMIN Community Service Organizations staff. **You will be contacted by Neil Heyman to setup your interview time.**

The interview with the Graduate Interns will be a self-evaluation and strategic plan for next year. At the very least, you will be asked to address the following subjects:

- Building community with students who identify on the political spectrum from far left to far right
- Each coordinator is responsible for working with 3 political/activist organizations. In particular, what groups are you most interested in working with. How might you incorporate the mission and vision of PAVE into your work with these organizations?
- Dealing with conflict
- Faith and Spiritual Development
- Time management and Managing Stress / Burnout

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VII. Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
(last) (first) (middle) month day year

Permanent E-mail Address: _____ DePaul ID # _____

Phone numbers: _____/_____/_____/_____
(current home) (work) (summer home) (cell) Circle your preferred phone number

Current Academic Program (Undergraduate)

Major: _____ Type of Degree _____

Minor (if applicable): _____

Please list two professional references:

Name: _____ Title: _____ Phone Number: _____ Relationship to You: _____

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Verification of Information

I certify that all data contained in this application and all other application materials for the position(s) which I am applying is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission for the University Ministry staff to check my academic and judicial records and understand that this information will remain confidential and used only for the purpose of the selection process. I also understand that any scheduled interview is contingent upon the outcome of this check of records. I understand that prior to the my interview, sections IV, V and VI will be disclosed to those involved with the interview process (including University Ministry staff and PAVE Coordinators) for their review. My personal and demographic information will not be disclosed to those involved. I also understand that any scheduled interview is contingent upon the outcome of this check of records.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, September 1, 2009

**Because of the immediate nature of having to fill this position, applications will be accepted via e-mail ONLY.
Please e-mail the completed application AND the completed essay responses to Neil Heyman.**

Questions? Call 773.325.7902 or e-mail Neil Heyman at nheyman@depaul.edu