BUDDY PROGRAM
USC DPT

The USC DPT program provides student mentorship through the buddy system. Incoming DPT I students are paired with a currently enrolled 2nd year student.

2ND YEAR BUDDIES ARE…

- Good mentors
- Timely when responding to their 1st year buddies
- Receptive to questions and concerns
- Knowledgeable and willing to refer their 1st year buddies to the proper resources
- Not required to share class notes or old exams with their buddies
- Not expected to give their buddies mini gifts or presents
- Willing to give a few minutes of their day to help out new USC PT students

SUGGESTIONS FOR 2ND YEAR BUDDIES:

- Check in with your buddy periodically via email. Wish them good luck on their first round of midterms or send them a fun PT related YouTube clip…etc
- Set up a time once a month or twice a semester where you meet with your buddy just to catch up or check in….maybe during lunch on the patio or for a quick cup of coffee at Einstein’s.
- If there is an event outside of class that involves multiple DPT classes, personally invite your buddy to join or just let them know you are attending so they know a familiar face will be there.
- When in doubt, ask a faculty member anonymously for assistance in answering questions, just to make sure your buddy gets the right info.
- Encourage your buddy to interact with faculty and staff to enhance their experience at USC.

For links to helpful resources, visit the Student Mentoring Program page at http://pt.usc.edu