Meet our 2014-15 Peer Coaches!

**Alec Kraus**

**Majors:** Economics, Criminal Justice  
**Hometown:** Orland Park, Illinois  
**Interests:** Fishing, outdoors, music fitness  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I enjoy working with students and helping them with their issues, giving them my advice. I really love working with people as well!

**Alicia Sanfillippo**

**Majors:** Secondary Education Math, Dance  
**Minor:** Secondary Education Physics  
**Hometown:** Schaumburg, Illinois  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I enjoy coaching others to help them succeed. This will also be a good experience in preparation for an education occupation.

**Angela Carter**

**Major:** Psychology – Behavioral Science  
**Minors:** Family Life Education, Holistic Healthcare  
**Hometown:** Manistee, Michigan  
**Interests:** Reading, crafting, yoga, spending time outdoors  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I enjoy helping others excel in their academics and teach them good studying strategies.

**Annabelle Dobry**

**Majors:** Biomedical Sciences, Nursing  
**Hometown:** Dorr, Michigan  
**Interests:** Golf, disc golf, tennis, fishing, football, kayaking  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I believe that every student should have someone to support them in reaching their personal goals, especially academic goals. I know how beneficial it is to have someone to relate to and talk through classwork and college life.
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**Danielle Dupuis**
**Major:** Geochemistry  
**Minor:** French  
**Hometown:** Mattawan, Michigan  
**Interests:** Reading, astronomy, geology, chemistry, hiking  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** To help people learn how to cope/learn new strategies for college. To help people succeed in college. To learn new things.

**Farhana Ikmal Hisham**
**Majors:** Biomedical Sciences, General Psychology  
**Minors:** Communication, Chemistry  
**Hometown:** Selangor, Malaysia  
**Interests:** Reading, computer games, shopping, billiards  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I would like to guide students on their journey towards excelling in school. I would also like to use the knowledge and skills I have acquired to educate others. Lastly, I feel that helping others with their classes will allow me to solidify my knowledge in that field.

**Garrett Sieloff**
**Majors:** Cultural Anthropology, Environmental Studies  
**Hometown:** Traverse City, Michigan  
**Interests:** Hiking, biking, running, cooking/baking, fishing, reading  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I want to help students bring out the best in themselves within the world of academe. The university can demand much from students in subjects they may not feel confident in. With working one on one, I would like to help students overcome these obstacles and coach them to succeed in school.

**Izzabella Irwin**
**Majors:** Biomedical Sciences, Dance  
**Minor:** Chemistry  
**Hometown:** Calumet, Michigan  
**Interests:** Dancing, reading, playing music, drawing  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I have a long history of teachers in my family so I have a natural knack and passion for teaching. I hope to help students that are struggling and help them figure out how they learn so that they can study more efficiently and succeed in even the most challenging class.
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**Katie Hillenbrand**

**Majors:** Hydrogeology, Applied Mathematics  
**Hometown:** Vicksburg, Michigan  
**Interests:** bicycling, hiking, playing piano, reading, gardening, cooking  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I have always had a passion for learning a great deal of subjects, and I love that I am able to share this desire with my peers by being a peer coach. I have had an excellent group of family and friends that has supported me in my education and has greatly influenced my success in school. I hope that I am able to give back by being a reliable supporter of my peers’ academic success.

**Megan Stamm**

**Major:** Political Science – Public Law  
**Minors:** General Business, English  
**Hometown:** Grand Blanc, Michigan  
**Interests:** Sports, reading  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I want to help alleviate stress students feel in college. College should be a time to buckle down and prepare for a successful career, but it is also a time to grow up and try new things.

**Otho Ulrich**

**Major:** Physics  
**Minor:** Mathematics  
**Hometown:** Saline, Michigan  
**Interests:** Jazz trombone, coding, horticulture  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I've had a long career in tutoring and other learning support services. I find assisting students to be very fulfilling. *Everyone* struggles with school, so I hope to make that struggle a bit less overwhelming for every student who walks through my door. When I am able to do that, the feeling is extraordinary.

**Scott Duxbury**

**Major:** Sociology, Anthropology  
**Minor:** Philosophy  
**Interests:** Social research, exercise, mixed martial arts, guitar, reading  
**Why you want to be a peer coach:** I have always been passionate about teaching and mentoring. Prior to coming to WMU, I worked as a personal fitness trainer. I deeply enjoyed helping people reach their individual health-related goals. Now my ambition is to be a professor of sociology due to my two-fold love for teaching and research. I am honored to be in the position to help individuals grow and succeed.
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**Sierra Wilson**
- **Major:** Psychology – Behavioral Science
- **Minor:** Family Studies
- **Hometown:** Pontiac, Michigan
- **Interests:** Shopping, movies, learning, sleeping, traveling
- **Why you want to be a peer coach:** I enjoy helping and motivating others. I’ve been mentoring since my freshman year and being a part of someone’s success give me purpose. I strive to see the greater good in those around me and I use this knowledge to highlight individual strengths.

**Jonny Haskell**
- **Major:** Occupational Therapy
- **Hometown:** Mattawan, Michigan
- **Interests:** Pediatrics, sports (baseball, golf, skiing, football)
- **Why you want to be a peer coach:** I feel that, when I was entering my classes for my major, that I was a little overwhelmed, and it would have been helpful for someone to walk me through the application process, scheduling, what to watch for, etc.

**Matt Olivier**
- **Major:** Occupational Therapy
- **Hometown:** Frankenmuth, Michigan
- **Interests:** Running, tennis, Big 10 Football, making food
- **Why you want to be a peer coach:** I am very passionate about Western and the OT department here. I want to help students have as great and successful of a time at the university as I have.