



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why should I consider the P.E.E.P.S Program?

The college experience may sometimes present difficulties and challenges. Having a host family to provide support and guidance can help you better navigate those difficult and challenging times.

### Do I Need P.E.E.P.S Program?

The rewards of participating in the P.E.E.P.S program are many. You have a home away from home and a “go to” family to share the ASU experience with you. Home cooked meals and quiet time away from the residence halls. You are also making an ASU Connection for a life-time, not just during your college years. You will be sharing your experiences and changing lives.

### Who is Eligible for P.E.E.P.S Program?

Any new student can join and apply to the program at any time during his/her matriculation at Albany State University. You should submit your applications early during Welcome Week, so that you can be matched with a family. You will then have ample time to correspond with them once you arrive at Albany State.

## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES SHARED BY HOST FAMILY AND STUDENTS INCLUDING...

### but not limited to:

P.E.E.P.S program participants and students can take their own initiative in planning activities and outings once matched. Ideas for a group outing or for just the student and family are:

- ASU Potluck Picnic
- ASU Athletic Event
- ASU Sponsored Event
- Family Game Night
- Potluck dinner at the host family home
- Visit the Albany Aquarium
- Dinner at a local restaurant or at home
- Visit the Albany Arts Museum
- Tour the Civil Rights Museum
- Trip to the Albany Mall
- Share a holiday



Visit the Albany Aquarium Together



# P.E.E.P.S

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## What is the ASU P.E.E.P.S Program?

The purpose of the P.E.E.P.S Program is to minimize the level of anxiety many new students experience when living away from home for the first time. Some potential P.E.E.P.S students are internationals, having never lived in the U. S. Many will find the cultural differences a difficult adjustment.

By forming bonds of friendship with alumni, faculty/staff, administrators and friends of ASU, national and international students will improve their chances of successfully adapting to the college experience. It is expected that these bonds of support and mentorship will result in an overall increase in the retention of new students by:

- Providing support and friendship to students away from home;
- Introducing new students to Albany and Southwest Georgia; and
- Providing real-life experiences for students apart from the everyday college perspective.



The program matches a member of the ASU community with a new student who desires to have a host family. The P.E.E.P.S Program provides this opportunity to both our national and international students.

Social outings, meals, phone calls and companionship are some basic activities for students and host families. It is anticipated that many students and their P.E.E.P.S families will become life-long friends.

### Who Do I Contact?

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## Why Be a P.E.E.P.S Participant ?

Hosting a student can be an extremely rewarding and life-changing experience for everyone in the family. Be a resource to the student, available to provide perspective about their experience at ASU and perhaps their experience in the United States.

P.E.E.P.S are to meet the following expectations:

- Participate in training and orientation sessions offered by the university
- Establish communication with the student.
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment for trust and friendship to develop between the student and your family.
- Be a resource to the student, available to provide perspective about their experience at ASU
- Advise the student about matters related to school, family, community functions, and friendship.



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