



Overview

Freshman Reach is the first opportunity for freshman students to get involved in the Student Association at Mississippi State University. During the first half of the semester, members of Freshman Reach will be guided through a curriculum based on freshman success, leadership development, and productivity. Students will also have the opportunity to gain experience in three skills pertinent among student leaders on-campus: **policy, programming, and service**. After building a diverse foundation, students choose their preferred group, or "pod." Overall, Freshman Reach will give students the opportunity to build personal relationships with other freshman students, be mentored by Student Association leaders, and hear from other student leaders across campus!

Policy

The Policy Pod allows members to gain experience researching and formulating ways to improve campus life. Members collaborate with the Policy Pod in the SA Cabinet and the SA Senate. The Policy Pod gives members the opportunity to create lasting change on campus while growing in personal and professional development skills.

Programming

The Programming Pod allows members to gain experience planning and conducting events on campus for students. Members get to formulate and execute their own events from start to finish, allowing their creativity to help cultivate positivity on campus. The Programming Pod gives members the opportunity to directly work with students to create events that are both meaningful and exciting.

Service

The Service Pod allows members to gain experience in formulating and carrying out service-related events both on and off-campus. Members choose causes benefitted by coordinated service projects. The Service Pod gives members the opportunity to create a positive impact on both the MSU campus and Starkville community, while gaining experience in conducting volunteer efforts

Expectations

All members of Freshman Reach will apply online by the date set by the Deputy Chief of Staff. After initial applications are reviewed students will be vetted through a two-step interview process. If accepted, members will be required to attend weekly meetings held on Wednesday nights, volunteer for and submit service hours, and uphold all other requirements as designated by their immediate director.