College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Ambassador Expectations

As Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) Ambassadors, our mission is simple: to assist CALS in recruiting new undergraduate students to Iowa State University. Recruiting new students is also about providing a future for our university, college and the agricultural and life sciences industries. As a group, we shoulder the activities and events we plan and execute as a great responsibility. The title “Ambassador” also brings with it tremendous opportunity for personal growth, networking, improved communication skills and furthering our knowledge and appreciation of the many areas in the college, making us well rounded citizens in the world. The future growth and prosperity of our Ambassador programs is dependent upon active and enthusiastic participation from its membership. As leaders of this organization, you are in a position to serve as an example to others because of how others observe your actions and engagement. The following criteria have been established as guidelines necessary to maintain membership within the organization:

Per semester, each member must meet the following criteria:

1. The member’s cumulative grade point average must remain at or above 2.5/4.0
2. Ambassadors are required to attend main meetings to keep informed about upcoming events and ongoing trainings. Each ambassador is allowed one absence from our main meetings per semester. An absence total of two or greater, without valid excuse, per semester is grounds for dismissal from the organization.
3. Upon becoming an ambassador and completing training, individuals will be assigned to serve on a committee. Additionally, attendance is required at committee meetings. Committees will keep track of attendance, attitude, willingness to help, etc. and will report to the executive team. An ambassador may miss no more than two committee meetings per semester. An absence total of three or greater, without valid excuse per semester is grounds from dismissal from the organization.
4. Ambassadors must obtain a minimum of 20 points (20 hours) with eight of those hours being student contact hours according to the point system per semester. The point system may be adjusted depending on opportunities for credit, but will never be adjusted up.

At the end of each semester the executive team will review the point totals of each member to verify that they are eligible to continue as a CALS Ambassador.