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Peculiarities of the coordinator's work during the war: practical aspect

Every university can be proud of its corporate culture, and understand its mission and motto. Borys Grinchenko Metropolitan University is not an exception as well as the system of newcomers support through coordinator work.

Our university's mission is to serve the individual, the community, and society. Our motto is to strive for excellence and individual, Ukrainian, and European civic identity, community, freedom, trust, spirituality, responsibility, integrity, professionalism, leadership service, diversity, and time.

Being a second-year student of the Faculty of Romance and Germanic Philology, I study French and at the end of the last academic year, I was offered to become a coordinator. I would like to share my experience with you.

Our university has a long tradition of coordinating that has been developing for years. A coordinator at a university is a senior student who takes care of first-year students and is responsible for organizing and managing certain academic or administrative processes. The coordinator may also assist with problem solving and answer questions from students related to their educational activities. That means.

Firstly, to meet the students on the first day when they have their initiation, introduce them to each other, escort them to the assembly hall where the celebrations are taking place, and take them to their first meeting with the supervisor. Also, help by answering their questions about their studies; help them login to their cooperative mail and the university learning platform.

What is more, there are certain traditions at the faculty. We have badges with a cornflower emblem on the yellow background. A badge is given to the first-year students so that they can be easily identified in the huge flow among freshmen.

Then our job is to provide information support to students during the first and, if necessary, the second term.

An annual event called “Here We Are” is held in October where students have an opportunity to present themselves on the stage. My group's performance included jokes and dancing, which helped create a positive atmosphere among the audience.

Another prominent feature of our faculty is participation in social and charity projects. We recommend our students to participate in the projects in their first year as they can not only develop social, and civil skills but also get social experience that is certified with an official paper that is taken into account when they go abroad to study. In addition, when they are selected for an internship, one of the determining factors is participation in these projects as well.

Moreover, it is known that the first year is a survival course. There is a process of separation. Separation is a natural, gradual process of psychological and physical separation of a child from his or her parents. The students in my supervision group are from different parts of Ukraine: Cherkasy, Poltava, Chernihiv, and other regions. We have many students from different places in Ukraine because our university is one of the top ten in Ukraine. We also help them here, as they face everyday challenges, such as living in a dormitory, socializing at university, and communicating with professor staff. Moreover, we share our surviving experience of communication with newcomers, which eases the burden.

Furthermore, at our university, we pay considerable attention to the development of cooperative culture. This includes not only the manner of communication, and respect for students and teachers but also the culture of communication in social groups and chatting rooms. Within the cooperative culture of the university, we have a cooperative culture that is supported by our faculty authorities. This means that we have colors, specifically turquoise color, and a badge that freshmen receive.

Overall, corporative culture, team spirit, mission, motto, and a strong desire to develop a civil society are the premises for surviving in a country that suffers from neighboring state war aggression.