Welcome back to IU for what I know will be an exciting Fall semester! We have a fantastic group of 20 peer mentors that will assist FASE in providing support for first year freshmen students. You may access the OMSLD website www.iub.edu/~omsld to get a quick glance at this year’s group of peer mentors. As you take the opportunity to view the website, feel free to peruse the other services and programs that the department provides. Have a wonderful semester!

Last Spring was a very successful semester for the Office of Mentoring Services and Leadership Development. The Black History Month Art Fair drew artistic talents from all over Bloomington. Joel Washington displayed his interpretation of our first African American President in his painting “Electrick Obama,” and our very own Austin Gibson shared an original spoken word piece. Along with the success of the Art Fair was our annual Spring Reception. We honored all F.A.S.E. protégés, and mentors with an appearance from former Dean of Students, Richard McKaig and a keynote address from Assistant Vice President of DEMA, Phillip Seabrook. We are looking forward to another successful semester.

Dr. Deb Getz, from the Center for Student Leadership instructs FASE Peer Mentors on how to be better student leaders. Among some of the advice she gave was for students to plan ahead for leadership development opportunities and keep track of their experiences.

Peer Mentors Joanna Taylor, Carlyn-Hart and Austin Gibson engage in a small group exercise. During the training this year the mentors were challenged to think of teamwork with a new perspective.