

Stacie Gill

Augustana College

ACI Peer Mentor



Senior Stacie Gill says it's a "great experience" to be a mentor in ACI's [Peer Mentoring Program](#) at [Augustana College](#).

"I've had the opportunity to meet new students. You can share so much about your story, and reassure students that 'I was in the same position as you' and also create friendships within this program," she says.

Gill, the youngest of four children, majors in psychology and sociology. Gill's mother works with students with disabilities in the Chicago Public School system. Her father is a substance abuse counselor in a hospital

and a sister has a psychology background. Those influences, along with her own interests in mental health and social justice, have led Gill to consider a career as a counselor, perhaps in a school setting.

Gill benefited from having a mentor when she came to Augustana and says that's probably why she is involved in the ACI Peer Mentoring Program now. "It sparked an interest in me to be a mentor in this program," she says. Gill has been a leader in organizations such as the Black Student Union, Latinx Unidos, Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology, and she has worked in the Office of Multicultural Student Life. She has worked on campus diversity initiatives and served on the President's Student Advisory Council. Gill made the dean's list multiple times and earned scholarships and an endowment that paid for a summer internship through the Psychology Department.

Peer mentoring allows students to develop their identities and learn about their passions, which is why the program is a good investment, Gill says. "People who invest in this program are investing in so many students who are looking for an awesome experience and future," she adds.