

Isabella Joy '25

Peer Mentor

My name is Isabella Joy, although I usually go by Bella. I am a double major here at SUNY Canton in the Forensic Criminology program and the Emergency Management program with also a minor in psychology. I am set to graduate from SUNY Canton in 2025. As a rising junior, I remember how different it was to transition from high school to SUNY Canton. I believe that this Jump Start Program is a great way to help incoming freshmen have a smooth transition and I am excited to be a part of it! I chose SUNY Canton for its perfect distance from home, its beautiful campus, and the fantastic Criminal Justice programs. From my time here I've come to learn that there is much more, like many other fantastic academic programs, many services offered to help students succeed, not only academically but in life in general, and many programs, clubs, jobs, and opportunities that get students involved in the campus community.

I am from a small town in New York about 2 hours from Canton, so I am used to and enjoy the beautiful scenery and calming environment that surrounds SUNY Canton. For me, the distance was the perfect amount to learn and experience how to live on my own, but also close enough if I needed to travel back home. SUNY Canton has provided me great experiences and opportunities to help me grow, like this opportunity to be a Jump Start Mentor.

I am extremely excited about this summer's opportunity to expand my mentoring skills with a group of entering students. This Jump Start Program will allow me to be a friendly face to help others get familiar with and adjust to this beautiful campus. My goal is to encourage new students to reach out and get involved on campus and help guide them to grow as individuals, as I know from experience that getting involved is one of the best ways to create an unforgettable, positive experience.



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