mentor

Noun: An adviser.
Verb: To advise or train (someone).

A mentor is an experienced person who provides information, advice, support, and encouragement to a less experienced person, often leading and guiding by example of his/her success in an area.

Suggestions from 2012 Peer Mentors:

I wish I had been honest about how much I know (or don’t know)
I should have asked for help (no question is stupid)
You are here for yourself, not to impress anyone in class, etc.
Take more initiative, establish rapport with professor
I wish I had managed my time better

How you approach studying is as equally important as the content
Motivate others to work hard, realize motivations
Be Proactive; it’s easier to get things done ahead of time
Ask for (and provide) honest feedback to help you move forward
Give student tools to solve problems, make decisions, learn the value of working through issues for themselves
Create a trusting relationship between mentor and student, build rapport
Follow up, quickly (shows that you care, that you are organized, that they are a priority of yours)
Consistency is important
Get a calendar, budget your time
You are a Role model; model successful strategies
Offer Encouragement; YOU CAN overcome & persevere
Use technology to reach out to students (FB page, Skype, etc.) to feel connected
Pay attention to find out what is important to students, build connections