Alexis Artis is a second year student pursuing a Bachelor of Business Administration in information systems and operations management from Detroit, Michigan. She is a member of the Business Fellows Leadership Circle serving as the co-chair of the Membership committee. She has also served as a peer leader for the Lindner Summer Institute: Emerging Women Leaders and Emerging Leader of Colors programs. She is a part of the Circle of Excellence business honors program and serves as the Information Systems chair for ADVANCE. A fun fact about Alexis, is that she enjoys traveling both internationally and domestically; and was afforded the opportunity to be a TA for the Freshmen Toronto Study Abroad Experience this past fall.

Being a part of the Business Buddies program has helped shape her college experience for the better. During her freshman year, she was very fortunate to have an amazing mentor to help guide her. Being from out of state, and not knowing anyone when first coming to college, it was very reassuring to know that automatically, she had access to someone who was older and knew the ropes. She did everything from helping her get involved in organizations, to inviting her to just hang out and catch up. Because Alexis had such an amazing experience as a mentee, she wanted to be able to have a positive impact on an incoming freshman and share all of the great things that was given to her as a freshman through this program. As a mentor, she has been able to
share her experiences, and help guide Lena. Additionally, she has been able to learn from her mentee. According to Alexis, Lena has taught her that mentors can learn just as much from their mentees. Overall, Alexis feels that not only did she gain a mentor, she gained a great friend, and it has been one of her favorite college experiences thus far! Please join me in giving Alexis another round of applause.

**Lena Brewer** is a first year student pursing a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing and entrepreneurship with a minor in fashion studies. She declares that the Business Buddies program helped her tremendously throughout her first year. Being required to do a multitude of things together at the beginning of the year was helpful, but she and Alexis were also eager to take it upon themselves to ensure that the relationship grew. Spending time with Alexis has become very valuable to her, as each time they discover something new about one another and they have been able to network with a multitude of people. Overall, Lena feels that she’s grown educationally, professionally as well as personally through this experience.