



Dinners With Anteaters

Dinners with Anteaters (DWA) Host Expectations

As a dinner host, you will be expected to:

1. Provide a warm meal for the students. It could be a nice home cooked meal at your home or an evening out at a local restaurant. If you are planning to go to a restaurant, consider choosing a location with a low noise level and close to UCI.
2. Check for emails from the Dinners with Anteaters director or your dinner lead and respond in a timely manner (within 48 hours).
3. Consider starting the night off with an icebreaker to create a more comfortable and casual environment. If you need ideas for icebreakers, inquire with your dinner lead.
4. Be positive and spread words of encouragement to students who are seeking advice and mentorship from hosts.
5. Students come from all different backgrounds and have varying interests. Please be open-minded and accepting of all students.
6. Make an effort to meet and connect one-on-one with all students at your dinner. The students find value in making an individual connection with the host(s) during the dinner. If the student to host ratio is too imbalanced, consider inviting other Anteaters or friends to co-host at your dinner.
7. Create lasting memories and share your experience. Take photos and upload to Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter and use hashtag #UCIDWA. Don't forget to email your photos or videos to your DWA dinner lead.
8. Refrain from serving alcoholic beverages at your dinner. University policy requires preapproval and certain conditions must be met for alcohol service at student events.
9. Many people have allergies to certain pets. If you have house pets, please alert your guests as they arrive at dinner. In most cases, simply placing the pet in a separate room is an adequate solution.
10. It is extremely important to us that all of our hosts and co-hosts have the best experience. If something comes up at your dinner, please do not hesitate to contact us. In order to ensure the safety and comfort of our hosts, we reserve the right to cancel an individual's participation in this program.
11. Last but not least, relax and enjoy a fun evening with your Anteater family!