

In addition to being a knowledgeable resource to students, the best mentors are supporters, motivators, and challengers. Set goals, create expectations, keep momentum, and provide insights that students didn't even know they were lacking.

Set Your Goals

The first thing to do as a mentor is help your student set goals for your relationship. This way you have a clear direction and your student will be sure to benefit from the program.

- Ask your student what their goals are for your relationship - what they would like to learn from you.
- Don't be afraid to make suggestions or share information you think they should know.

Set Communication Parameters

At your first meeting, set the following expectations:

- When and how will you contact each other?
- Who will initiate the meetings and interactions?
- How often will you meet/interact?
- What is your preferred method of contact?
- Are there any additional boundaries to be discussed?

What Do Students Want to Learn?

- How to prepare for their chosen career while still in college
- Importance of building a portfolio with internships
- Career options for a specific major
- Other majors to consider for a specific career
- General/specific career information
- Job shadowing
- Interviewing skills
- Networking skills

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- Resume building
 - Professional etiquette
 - Business ethics
 - Resources for job searching
 - What makes a good first job
 - Benefits/career path/location/advancement opportunities

Thanks You!

We hope you find this program to be a rewarding experience. Thank you for sharing your expertise and supporting UW-Whitewater students.