

Building a Culture of Mentorship:
A Framework for Institution-Wide Success



A guide to best practices and tips to make your virtual experience seamless

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Today's Speakers









The Power of Mentorship



- Sense of Belonging = Retention
 - UW-Green Bay's mentorship program saw 91% retention among mentees vs. 63% in non-mentored students.
- Mentorship Fuels Career Readiness
 - UNC Greensboro mentees accessed career resources 308% more frequently than their peers.
- Bridging Education & Workforce
 - 36% of Amazon Future Engineer mentees secured additional internships after program participation.



Takeaway: Mentorship is not a "nice to have"—it is a mission-critical solution.





The **Education to Career Gap**





Mentorship Bridges the Gap



Mentorship Across the Student Lifecycle



connections.

offices.

Key Stakeholders: Career services.

coordinators, employer relations

alumni networks, internship

Exploration (Early College Experience)

- Challenge: Students enter with varying levels of confidence and preparedness.
- How Mentorship Helps: Peer mentors provide guidance, build self-efficacy, and reinforce a growth mindset.
- Key Stakeholders: Academic affairs, advising offices, orientation programs.

Discovery & Skill Building (Mid-College)

- Challenge: Students struggle to connect coursework to careers.
- How Mentorship Helps: Industry mentors provide networking opportunities and career insights.
 Support through exploration.
- Key Stakeholders: Career services, academic departments, internship coordinators.

During this event, you'll learn:

- 1. A framework to align mentorship with institutional goals like retention, belonging, and student engagement
- 2. Data-driven insights on the measurable impact of mentorship
- 3. Strategies for launching, scaling, and sustaining a high-impact mentorship program
- 4. How to create visibility and engagement around mentorship initiatives





Do you have a mentorship program already at your institution?



The Six Elements of a Culture of Mentorship







Strategic

- Clearly articulated goals
- Connected to broader student success strategy
- Leaders are well-versed in student success outcomes





University of North Carolina Greensboro







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Indiana University



Goal 3: Inclusion, Wellness, and Student Support

Foster a diverse and inclusive student community that stimulates a strong sense of belonging and well-being.

Objective & Mentor Collective Alignment

- Early alert for academic success.
- Mentors can submit a flag if they think a student could benefit from additional support from the institution directly.
- Support framework that includes components in academic, health, well-being and student-life.
- Mentorship enables help-seeking behavior. Peer mentors are trained to alleviate mentee roadblocks by directing mentees to critical resources on campus.
- Peer mentoring programs for all first-year students at IUB.
- Through this expanded partnership, IUB will deliver on scalable, technology-enabled mentorship for all first-year students.

Metrics

6% first to second year retention difference for URM scholarship recipients for those who engaged with Mentor Collective than those who didn't.



Elevating Career Confidence - UW Green Bay

+30.6

%

Improvement in Career

+7.8%

Improvement in Academic Self-Efficacy

+9.4%

Improvement in Academic Help Seeking +20.2

%

Improvement in Sense of

"It is really nice to be able to have casual conversations with someone who went through the same program and is currently in the education field."

- MENTEE

"I love helping others reach their goals and find their path.
I've worked in the healthcare industry for 25+ years,
returned to school in my 40s in order to advance my
career and I did. If I can do it, anyone can and I'd be happy
to be a cheerleader on someone's path."

- MENTOR



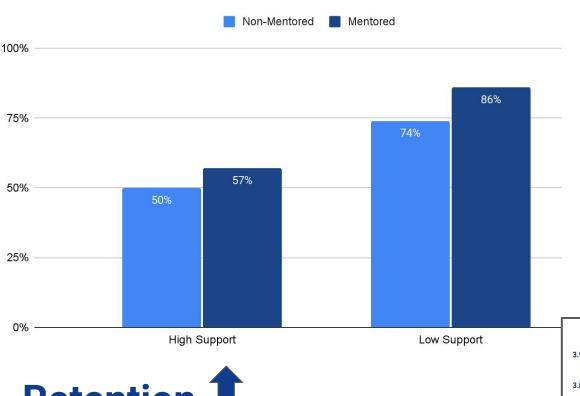


Data-Driven

- Easily available, used, and shared
- Insights → Action
- Story-telling is compelling and impactful





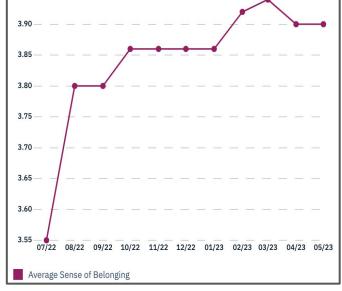


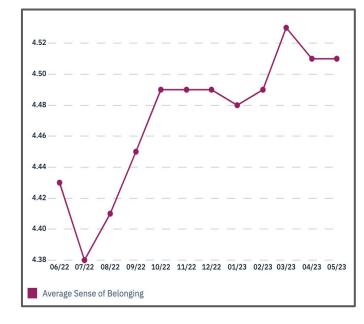


Retention



Sense of belonging







Mentee

Mentor

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay



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SELF-ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

Respondents improved the following amounts over the year:

- Sense of Belonging +20.2%
- Academic Help Seeking +9.4%
- Academic Self-Efficacy +7.8%
- Career Decision Self-Efficacy +30.6%

2023 - 2024 DATA

TOP MENTEE GOALS

- 1.Do well in courses (n=115)
- 2.Learn more about career options (n=30)
- 3. Secure an Internship (n=24)

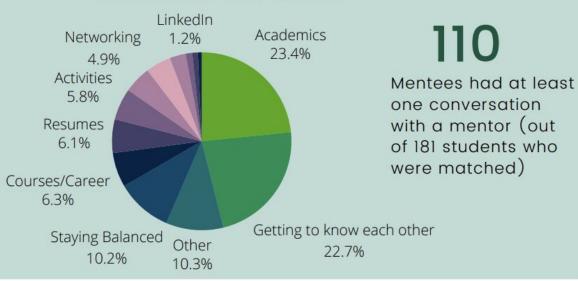


Logged 3+ conversations, the tipping point that research shows improves retention

SELF-REPORTED DEMOGRAPHICS

		Mentees	Mentors
Gender	Female	74%	61%
	Male	25%	39%
	Non-binary	2%	0%
Race	White	74%	89%
	Hispanic/Latino	10%	3%
	Asian or Asian American	9%	3%
	Black/African-American	4%	3%
	American Indian or Alaska Native	3%	2%

CONVERSATION TOPICS







Participant-centered

- Identity-conscious and inclusive
- Accessible
- Goal-oriented
- All participants benefit





Lehigh College

"Finding your emotional rhythm as a first-year college student can be really challenging, especially if you didn't grow up with a strong support system at home. Lehigh is an amazing university with more opportunities than you'd ever believe, but it takes a helping hand to discover them. The Mentorship Program is a great way to learn from an experienced university student who will not only help you navigate academic challenges and opportunities, but support your exploration of social and extracurricular life. As both a mentor and mentee, you get out just as much as you put into this connection!"



Mentor

Sterling Salmini







Resourced

- Mentors are trained, supported, and engaged
- Participants have access to help
- Funding is sustainable
- Key roles and resources are assigned







Visible

- Integrated into branding and culture
- Integrated into the student experience
- Championed in the student voice
- Mentors are celebrated recognized





University of California, Davis





Marketing

- Market through orientation, matriculation, or other key transition points
- Combine mentorship promotion with other events
- Ensure all faculty and staff speak to the value of mentorship
- Leverage the power of peer-to-peer recruitment









Celebrated

- Engaged leadership
- Cross-functional approach
- Championed and promoted









CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

IS HEREBY GRANTED TO

STUDENT NAME

TO CERTIFY COMPLETING SERVICE AS A PEER MENTOR

(20XX-XX Academic Year)

Name

Date



Carmin Chan, Ph.D. + 2nd

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Conference presentations are great -- but they're even better when you get to do them together with awesome teammates! Yesterday Heidi Creel and I had the pleasure to present about our MentorCats virtual peer mentorship program at the UPCEA MEMS 2023 conference in Portland, OR.

Since launching in 2022, the MentorCats program has been a very successful partnership between our University of Arizona Online Student Success team and Mentor Collective. Within the program's first year we engaged more than 1000 undergraduate students in virtual peer #mentorship and leveraged mentor insights (flags) and timely data to better support our students who experienced challenges in their #onlineeducation journey.

Thank you to our fabulous engaged #mems2023 audience who showed up, shared our respective ideas and struggles, and asked great questions!







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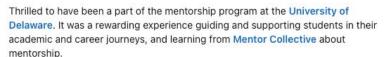


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Thank you to University of Delaware for the sweet package! 💗



Sharing experiences and insights to shape future leaders was truly fulfilling, and I am grateful for the opportunity to foster growth, learning, and meaningful connections with the next generation of talent. #Mentorship #UniversityOfDelaware #FutureLeaders







The Six Elements of a Culture of Mentorship







Q&A

What's Next?

- You will receive a copy of the presentation and recording shortly.
- New: The Six Elements of a Culture of Mentorship Whitepaper coming next week.
- We hope to see you at:
 - April 5-7: ASU+GSV in San Diego, CA
 - April 12-16: AACC in Nashville, TN
 - April 27-29: HERDI Innovate in San Antonio, TX
- Here's a look at our upcoming virtual events for our Partners:
 - April 8 California Partner Meet-Up
 - April 15 Ask the Expert
 - o April 23 <u>HBCU Series</u>
 - April 24 Exploring the Participant Experience, Part III
 - April 29 Leveraging IPD to Strengthen Your Mentorship Initiative



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Thank you!

