Family of Mentors Program

Overview

2024-2025 Academic Year
What Is Our Family of Mentors Program About?

• Online (and in-person) program developed to:
  o Match OD student with an OD of choice, utilizing the vast network of alums in our SUNY Eye Network
  o Enhance students' personal, academic and career development
  o Expand professional networks for students and mentors
This Comes Directly From Our Strategic Plan

• Goal 1: Enhance the student experience through programs that promote student and alumni success
  o Develop meaningful connections between students and alumni that support career development, placement, networking and continuing education
Program Goals

• Enhance students' academic and career development, and overall satisfaction at SUNY
• Help students think about and refine career goals earlier
• Provide students an opportunity to learn how to develop at professional network
• Establish strong relationships between students and mentors that last beyond SUNY
• Provide a meaningful avenue for alumni, professional organizations and partners to stay connected with the College
Program Expectations For Mentors

• Go over this overview of the program
• Monthly or bi-monthly communication with your mentee
  o IE text or email
• Quarterly meetings with your mentees
  o In person or virtual
  o We recommend in-person if you are in the NYC area
  o Mentees are given up to a $50 reimbursement total/year to encourage in person meet ups
• Mentorships should be expected to run the whole academic year until May 2025
  o The mentor/mentee match is evaluated each year
  o If both parties agree at the end of 3rd year, the match can be extended another year
Contact Us If You Have Questions!

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• Mentoring resources for mentors and mentees will be housed at:
  o www.sunyopt.edu/mentoring