



“My alumni mentor offered great suggestions about connecting with the right people. During a breakfast meeting, she introduced me to one of her professional contacts. With the help of Jill, I am navigating the professional world more successfully and plan to secure a job before graduation. The Career Center's Alumni Mentor program is a great way to enhance your efforts for a successful transition from academia to the workforce.”

*Jessica Hoover '08
Senior Sociology Major*



How do I start?

The process is simple:

- Contact the Career Center regarding your interest in serving as an Alumni Mentor and complete a brief form describing your career path and expertise.
- The Career Center will link you with a Hanover senior who is interested in entering your field.

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Alumni Mentor Program

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Alumni

Would you like to assist a senior interested in entering your field? Often skilled, motivated students are not sure how to land the job they want and lack the network to embark on a highly effective career search. The Alumni Mentor Program links students who have clearly established career goals with alumni who agree to assist them with their job search periodically throughout their senior year. The ultimate goal of the program is that student participants will have successfully found employment in their field of choice by graduation, and that alumni volunteers will find meaning and satisfaction in sharing their expertise with current students.



Mentor



As a mentor, you will:

- meet with your mentee personally once during the year, preferably in the fall, in order to begin to build a professional relationship with him or her.
- be available for monthly phone updates and provide guidance with job searches in your field including such assistance as resume review and a practice phone interview.
- provide insight and detailed information about specific jobs within your field including a job description, an overview of daily activities, the job outlook, and an outline of key skills required.
- assist your mentee in forming a network of contacts in the field; make preliminary contact with potential leads when appropriate.
- discuss possible points of entry and assist in developing job-search strategies; provide job leads in the field when possible.

Program

During the year, the student will:

- initiate the first contact with you to discuss his or her career goal, and to discuss strategies to attain it. If it seems that you would be a good fit for a mentoring relationship, at this time he or she will arrange a single face-to-face meeting with you.
- contact you monthly to discuss their current progress in carrying out your specific strategies planned during the previous contact, and to refocus as necessary.
- maintain a contact log, recording current strategies and the details and results of any efforts he or she has made to carry them out.
- write a note of thanks to all those whom he or she has contacted through your assistance.

If you would like to be a part of this valuable program, or to learn more about it, please contact the Career Center to discuss it in greater depth and to arrange to be linked with a student who shares an interest in your career field. Thank you!

