Student Forum Panel discussion – March 26, 2007

How did you hear about the MMAP?
- Lancaster Partnership Program – from High School
- Orientation
- Came into office; wanted to help other students

Who can benefit?
- Any student
  ➔ It can open new doors
  ➔ Meet new people

Impressions
- Program is more in-depth in college

Benefits to having more than one mentor
- Different perspectives (peer, academic, adult)

What/who is a mentor?
- A mentor is someone who is there for you and guides you. They’re not just someone whose food step you follow to be just like them.
- Another friend who is there for you and wanted you to succeed.
- An individual who constantly reminds you to do what you need to do to be successful.

Mentors can help with:
- time management
- focusing
- finding events on campus

How can we encourage students to become involved in mentoring?
- Advertise; by example – word of mouth
- Enlist faculty in each department ➔ advisers in departments (there is a noticed lack of department involvement)
- Talk to student organizations within departments – ex. AMS, Psychology Club
- Make it more interesting to students
  ➔ Trips
  ➔ Survey to find out what students want
  ➔ Incentive – raising them up on the “list”
  ➔ Books – something to do
  ➔ Scholarship
- Tables in front of the Galley – have mentors and mentees do it
- Information in tutoring center

Application
- Make having a mentor be the incentive – also better for matching with a mentor
Other points
*Students need to see the value of being involved in mentoring – Recruit those who are genuinely interested.
*Mentor’s communication of their experience to the mentee can be a benefit.
*Matches need to me compatible – having things in common with each other
    -more of a friendship/personal relationship
*Have set time to meet
*Two mentees with one mentor works – you have a peer with you!