

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 foot 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 be 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!