

Mentoring Opportunity

What is Mentoring?

The Civic Learning Mentor Experience is an informal mentoring program that gives students the opportunity to develop a relationship of mutual respect and trust with a JMU faculty member, staff member, or graduate student. Students meet weekly with their mentor and are free to discuss any number of topics including, but not limited to:

- Personal values
- Life at JMU
- Common interests
- Time management
- Academic and career endeavors
- Opportunities for involvement at JMU

Students will also work with their mentor to create a personal mission statement. The mentoring pair will then identify short- and long-term goals and strategies for achievement that can be implemented during the relationship as well as after the mentoring experience has concluded.

Will I be trained?

Yes. Training as a staff member requires 1 full day (8-5:30) or two half day (8-12; 1-5:30). Once you have completed this/these training(s), you are ready to be a mentor. Updates are provided through newsletters & ongoing communication with the program coordinators. You will also be provided with opportunities to attend brown bag sessions to learn more and talk with other mentors about your experience—these are not required but highly recommended.

Benefits

Most staff enjoy mentoring for several reasons:

- 1) You get to be a part of helping a student receive education for breaking the code of conduct
- 2) You can add mentoring to your resume
- 3) It's flexible—you can serve as a mentor most of the time but take a semester break if you need to because you are particularly busy
- 4) You represent the university in response to student behavior
- 5) You get the chance to see a student really grow as a person
- 6) You get to form a relationship with a student that may continue to benefit both of you long after the completion of the program

How Do I sign Up?

Please feel free to give Greg Meyer (Assistant Director) a call (568-8074) if you are interested in finding out more about mentoring.