

The Mentor Moment

Faculty Mentor Program Gets Off The Ground

The Faculty Mentor program is off and running! On Wednesday, September 6, 2006 a number of faculty and RAs gathered for an opening social involving pizza, ice cream and “get to know you” exercises. The Mentor program is a joint effort by the Office of Residential Life, Dean of Student Development Office, Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Professional Studies and the Learning Communities Office.

Michael Speros Director of the Office of Residential life indicated; “we are excited about the potential of the program to integrate the academic and social lives of students living in our halls. Furthermore, we are encouraged with the number of faculty who has shown interest in the program.” To date, there is currently 12 active Faculty Mentors in the program and a number of others who have inquired about the program.



Goals of The Program Are:

- To increase faculty presence and role modeling in the residence halls
- To provide opportunities for faculty and students to interact outside the classroom
- To provide a transition between the classroom and the residence hall environment.....
.....leading to higher student retention, satisfaction, and success.



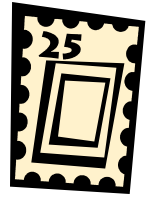
Meal Vouchers

In order to help faculty interact with students we have provided a number of meal vouchers designed to cover meal expenses when eating with residence hall students.

Faculty Mentors: If you should run out of these please contact Michael Speros at Msperos@missouriwestern.edu or call #7103.



“The effectiveness of the undergraduate experience relates to the quality of campus life. It is directly linked to the time students spend on campus and to the quality of their involvement in activities.” Boyer 1987



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Faculty Mentor Pairings for Fall 2006

Brian Cronk – Psychology / RAs Alicia Cummins & Chris Kusek

Jeanie Manning - English, Foreign Language, Journalism /
RAs Jenna Hudson & Liz Bowe

Todd Mick – Business / RA Jason Ruiz & Steve Bugbee

William Russel – Health, Physical Ed & Recreation
RAs Mallory Ferguson & Jessie Treece

Deborah Becker - Computer Science, Math, and Physics
RA Jennifer Shaffer

Federica Nix - Criminal Justice / RA Patricia Jointer

Doug Eicher – Education / RA Faita Leota

Evan Noyanaert -Computer Science, Math, and Physics
RA Jimmy Daugherty

Evelyn Brooks – Nursing / RA Johnisha Williams

Julie Baldwin - Nursing
RAs Ebonie Cunningham & Tresa Ptasznik

James Huntermark – Psychology
RA Erica Neier

Jim Macgregor –History, Philosophy, Geography
RA Jordan Baumgardner, Nickolaus Morton

The faculty mentor website will be up soon!
<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/ResLife/mentor>

Our next issue will highlight **Evelyn Brooks**
and **RA Johnisha Williams**



This is our first issue of the **Mentor Moment**. If you have article suggestions, comments, or questions please send them to Michael Speros at msperos@missouriwestern.edu **Go Griffs!**