

MENTOR MESSENGER

Greetings from the Peer Mentor Subcommittee

By November most students are well on their way to establishing Iowa State University as their second home. Friendships have been formed; students have submitted assignments and have a sense of where they stand in their courses.

It may seem that mentees need you less. This is rarely the case. In all likelihood, mentees will choose to use you in different ways. Be prepared for the relationship to change. There is still much you have to offer.

Academic Calendar Events



11/05/05 Iowa State vs Kansas State

11/12/05 Iowa State vs Colorado

11/17/05 Last day to add/drop a second half semester course without extenuating circumstances.

11/18/05 – Last day of assigned registration start dates for Spring 2006 registration

11/21-25/05- Thanksgiving break, classes recessed

ANNOUNCING THE EXEMPLARY MENTOR AWARDS



Each year Exemplary Peer Mentors are selected and honored at a ceremony held in April.

Learning community coordinators nominate peer mentors and prepare a packet of information that is shared with an independent panel that reviews the information and selects the exemplary mentors for the year. Mentors are eligible in the following categories:

Live-in-mentors who live with residential learning community students.

Returning-mentors who have served in the role for at least a year and are continuing in the role.

Class-affiliated-mentors conduct class sessions, study groups and tutoring sessions.

Exemplary mentor criteria were mailed to learning community coordinators on November 2. If you would like to be nominated as an exemplary peer mentor,

please notify your learning community coordinator. Nomination packets are due to Kurt Earnest in December.

Academic Resource of the Month

Career Exploration Program

The Career Exploration Program is designed to educate students about themselves, the workplace, and help them make informed decisions about majors and careers. Located in 3078 Student Services Building, the Career Exploration Program Library offers hundreds of books pamphlets, handouts and references guides for student use.

In addition the library offers access to DISCOVER, a computer-based career planning tool, and computerized test preparation programs. Drop by and check it out!

Tip of the Month

Stacking is a useful community building technique. It's really very simple; purchase a set of index cards. On the front side place the name of a lc student. On the back, record what you know about the student. As you learn more, record more. You'd be amazed how much you'll remember and you can use the information to initiate conversations and help mentees find common points of interest.

Call for Articles

Mentors and coordinators have great ideas and we encourage you to submit strategies and topics that can be shared with others. Please submit article ideas or notices to kearnest@iastate.edu or call 294-6264.

