

Mentor Messenger

A message from the peer mentor subcommittee

The peer mentor subcommittee was organized to support the needs of mentors and their coordinators. Please feel free to submit your tips or to make announcements. Send information or comments to jenl@iastate.edu.

Important Dates to Remember

- September 21, 2007— Last day to add/drop a first half-semester course without extenuating circumstances
- September 29, 2007— Schedule of Classes for Spring 2008 available on the Web
- October 17, 2007— Registration period for Spring 2008 begins. Hours for AccessPlus registration are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Saturday
- October 20, 2007— Fee payment deadline for fall. Final payment due
- October 20, 2007— Homecoming

Making Wise Choices while Walking the Web

Keeping in close contact with friends and family is easily at our fingertips via the Internet. According to www.techcrunch.com, (4/26/2006), 85% of college students communicate through Facebook not to mention the many others who use MySpace and the World Wide Web. There is little doubt of the impact these networking tools have on the college experience.

While these sites are a fun and easy way to connect with others, they can also pose a risk in a variety of ways. Future employers performing background checks may find content that affects their willingness to hire. Online predators may find personal information. Particular discussions, comments or photos have the potential to offend, embarrass or distress individuals in the network.



It may be helpful for students to look at the content on their personal pages and ask the following questions:

- ◆ Am I sharing anything that could be viewed negatively by a classmate, roommate, professor, parent or future employer?
- ◆ Am I posting information that could affect my personal safety?
- ◆ Are there photos or comments on my page that would embarrass me or others if shared with individuals outside my group?

If the answer is “yes” to these questions, it may be necessary to remove that content from the site or adjust privacy settings. It is important to review personal pages often to be sure there is nothing questionable available to outside audiences.



Taking Advantage of Campus Resources

There are many great campus resources to keep in mind for enhancing your mentees' academic experience at ISU. Here are just a couple to check out this month:

The **Academic Success Center** offers workshops on topics such as time management, study skills, and learning styles. Please visit the ASC website <http://www.dso.iastate.edu/asc/workshops/> for further information and to learn more about scheduling workshops.

Collaborative Learning Spaces are now available from the Durham Center. These spaces offer small groups of students a place to study and work together on projects. Each room comes with multi-media equipment, a whiteboard and office furniture. For more information on the rooms or to reserve a learning space, please visit <http://www.it.iastate.edu/collab/>.

