

Greetings Mentors and Students,

Spring semester is currently underway. Tuesday, January 20th was the first day back. Another important fact about January I would like to share is that it's [National Mentoring Month](#)! What a great time to say thanks to the mentors in your life.

Recently, I've heard from several mentoring pairs about the activities and conversations they have done together. Continue to keep me informed...I enjoy hearing from you!

Happy Mentoring Month!

-Lucy

Monthly Mentor Topic: Networking and Resumes

Spring semester gets to be a busy time for students conducting job and internship searches. While we are all aware of the current economic conditions around us, it's important to keep in mind the value of making connections and networking within your industries. Staying connected to those in your field can help in finding opportunities that may not be advertised or are closely related to your discipline.

Suggestions for conversation topics and activities:

- Attend a professional association meeting or social activity together. Mentors can introduce students to their colleagues or it could be an opportunity for both of you to meet someone new.
- Mentors can help students connect with colleagues by providing contact information to set up an informational interview(s).
- Update and review each other's resumes. Whether you are working on your first resume or needing to make updates, you can share tips and suggestions with each other.

For resources on both networking and resumes, visit the [St. Paul Campus Career Center's website](#).

In case you missed it...view the fall workshop "[Perspectives on Mentoring](#)" online. One of our College of Design mentors, Rich Higgins (graphic design), is one of the panelists!

Upcoming Events:

College of Design Events

A variety of lectures, exhibitions, and other events held on campus in either Rapson or McNeal Hall during spring semester.

www.design.umn.edu/outreach/events

Speed Networking

Both mentors and students will benefit from this session which will teach the essentials to successful networking.

Wednesday, February 11, 2009; 5:30 p.m. check-in, 6:00-8:00 p.m. program

McNamara Alumni Center

[Register](#) by Wednesday, February 4, 2009