

College of Design Mentor Program March Newsletter

Dear Mentors and Students,

We have now reached the half way point of spring semester! Students will have some much needed time off from class next week during Spring Break (March 16-20). As we are nearing the end of the Mentor Program, take some time to look back at the goals you and your mentoring partner set last fall. If some goals have yet to be accomplished, make sure to make arrangements to complete them either before the program officially ends (mid-April) or by the end of spring semester.

Happy spring!

-Lucy

Monthly Mentoring Topic: Group Mentoring

If you are looking for some new ideas for you and your mentoring partner, consider meeting up with another pair or several pairs. Getting together with several mentors and students can be a great way to expand your professional network as well as be really fun!

As I mentioned at the Orientation Event, the graphic design mentors have organized a group mentoring event for the past several years. The students and mentors meet at a mentor's firm or studio and students ask questions informally to hear and learn from several different mentors. The attendance ranges between 10-20 mentors and students each year.

Think of ways you and your mentoring partner can meet up with other pairs. If several mentors work at one firm/organization, invite your students in for a tour or lunch. Perhaps you want to meet participants at other organizations, use your Networking List which was sent this fall to contact people to attend an event as a group, meet up for coffee, or visit a site or museum that's related to your interests. Be creative in finding ways to network in groups!

Upcoming Events:

Dirty Laundry

An event where designers share their best and worst work experiences. All disciplines are encouraged to attend!

Friday, March 27, 2009, Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Weisman Art Museum, William G. Shepherd Room

College of Design Events

Check out the lectures, exhibits, and College to Career events for the rest of March and April.

design.umn.edu/outreach/events

design.umn.edu/college_to_career

Mentor Appreciation Reception

All mentors and students are invited for this closing session. A dinner is provided with presentation to follow from keynote speaker Darell Thompson, former Gopher football running back and current executive director of Bolder Options.

Thursday, April 16, 2009; 5:00 p.m. check-in, 5:30 dinner, and 6:15 program

McNamara Alumni Center

alumni.umn.edu/Mentor_Appreciation_Dinner.html

[Register](#) today!

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