

# IACAC Mentorship Committee Meeting

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## AGENDA

1. Introductions – Welcome to Fall!
2. Description of Mentorship Committee & First-Timer's Luncheon
  - a. The mentorship committee will no longer be in charge of the first-timer's lunch which opens the door for additional focus on relationship development year-round.
  - b. Planning additional social events throughout the state to get more people involved.
  - c. Nate compared this committee to church, we want to build relationships with as many people as possible but we'll never tell you what to believe or ask for money.
  - d. Bring someone new to social events and/or meetings; introduce yourself to others at college fairs and tell them about the mentorship committee.
3. Review of 2008 First-Timer's Luncheon
  - a. Thanks to all writers and actors for your hard work with last year's skit.
4. Review of Updated IACAC School Visit Guide – Jenn Volkmann
  - a. Way to go Jenn for all of your dedication and hard work on this project!!!
  - b. Updates for the 2009 guide book – send additions or corrections to Jenn throughout the year
  - c. Volunteers for 2010 – take your guide with you to high schools and show it to counselors who don't know what it is, this will help when we request an update from them in the spring.
    - i. Let Jenn know if you're interested in helping update this guide next year.
5. Mentorship Website
  - a. Match of the Year – picture online of last year's match, great tradition to continue so as you serve as a liaison to mentors/mentees this year, keep track of relationships that are going well
  - b. Link to mentorship application – make sure you complete a mentor application if you have 4-5 years of experience and want to mentor a new professional
  - c. Mentorship within YOUR office – discussion tabled until next meeting
  - d. Hoping to have additional web presence in the future, blogs regularly from mentors/mentees
6. Goals for 2009-2010
  - a. Chicago NACAC Fair – Happy Hour – volunteers?
    - i. Decided to schedule a happy hour event at the Bull and Bear (431 N LaSalle, Chicago) before the NACAC fair
    - ii. Nate will send an Evite to all committee members as well as new mentors and mentees; will also coordinate with NACAC on-site people to invite out of area counselors

- b. District 214 T-Shirt Exchange - volunteers?
    - i. Event will be held at RAM in Schaumburg
    - ii. Bring a t-shirt from your institution to exchange
  - c. Downstate T-shirt Exchange - volunteers?
    - i. October 20<sup>th</sup> after SIUE fair, more details to follow on location
    - ii. Spring suggestions for dates were given, February 22<sup>nd</sup> was penciled in for a lunch event, more details to follow
  - d. More Downstate Involvement - Nate
    - i. Individual Recommendations
    - ii. New Ideas
  - e. Newsbrief Spotlight – highlight a match for each newsbrief to get the word out about mentorship within IACAC
  - f. Mentorship Match Blogging -- discussed having mentors and mentees blog about their experiences
  - g. Others?
    - i. Discussed creating some type of option for professionals that have been in for 4-5 years and still want some mentoring from well-seasoned professionals
    - ii. Hope to have something in place by the January Newsbrief
    - iii. Hope to reach out to ISAC's new Corps of outreach counselors, placed 2 in every community college district to help families through the financial aid process, great connections to make and encourage involvement
7. How can we encourage and better market Mentorship?
- a. Bookmarks – order more?
    - i. Will use what bookmarks we have but will look into something a little more up to date
  - b. New gimmicks?
    - i. Nate and Anne will create a Facebook group for us to communicate with each other and connect to new people
  - c. State Articulation Conferences – discussion tabled
  - d. M & M handout for Fall 2008 college fairs (set fair locations and volunteers)
    - i. COD Fair – Sept 28<sup>th</sup>: Jenn, Ziggy, Julia, Shaun, and Chrissy – each bring one big bag of fun size M&M's to label and distribute
    - ii. Rock Valley Fair – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Courtney, Dave and Megan – each bring one big bag of fun size M&M's to label and distribute
    - iii. SIUE Fair – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Julie, Demtrius, and Megan – each bring one big bag of fun size M&M's to label and distribute
    - iv. CLC Fair – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>: Nate, Justin, Megan, Rob, and Dave – each bring one big bag of fun size M&M's to label and distribute
    - v. Check with someone in charge of fair before distributing M&M's
    - vi. Dan Gin offered to put stuff in welcome packet for Niles Fair
  - e. Summer Institute – discussion tabled
8. Match up Mentors and Mentees! – made quite a few matches, had 34 mentors signed up and 29 mentees, matches will be made throughout the year as apps come in
- a. Liaisons for matches – will be assigned soon
  - b. Encourage more applications
9. Next meetings – November 2008 & January/February 2009
- a. November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled for 1:30-3:30 at Niles West HS