

Suggested Activities

Suggested Discussions:

1. Set your mentoring goals together.
2. Talk about your respective families and background.
3. Talk about your common interests (e.g. –sports, movies, music, hobbies)
4. Talk about a movie you both may have seen and why or why not you liked it.
5. Talk about the various career paths your mentee could pursue in media.
6. Discuss what it takes to achieve his/her career dreams.
7. Talk about what you do at your job.
8. Talk about potential career steps: how did you get where you are.
9. Talk about work readiness skills.
10. Talk about what your mentee is learning in his/her media class.
11. Talk about what classes your mentee likes and doesn't like.
12. Talk about how to look for a job/where to find one.
13. Talk about workplace and business etiquette.
14. Discuss possible internship possibilities.
15. Talk about networking and making the most out of every interaction.
16. Talk about time management skills: balancing priorities, obligations, wants, needs; understanding individual's needed length of time to tackle school work.
17. Talk about personal values.
18. Talk about relationships and how to tackle tricky subjects.

Suggested Activities:

1. Help your mentee work on an assigned media project.
2. Give some feedback on a class project mentee has worked on.
3. Show your mentee your firm's web site and/or any projects you are working on.
4. Introduce your mentee to a new software program.
5. Examine a scene from a movie and deconstruct the scene (e.g. – editing, audio, lighting etc.). What are the elements that needed to come together to make scene work)?
6. Show mentee how to conduct research on the internet using Google or other search engines.
7. Work on a resume together.
8. Design a business card together.
9. Tackle some homework together (if you feel comfortable) and talk about study habits.
10. Research local colleges on the internet that have majors in communication/media studies
11. Research what financial aid possibilities are available to attend college
12. Do a mock job interview.

Suggested Field Trips we can all do together:

1. Tour BNN Community Access TV
2. Tour a commercial television station
3. Attend Youth Mentoring Day at Statehouse (January)
4. Attend a local film festival or an event sponsored by a professional association
5. Shadow work day
6. Tour a local college with a communication/media studies program
7. Observe a local production company do a video shoot
8. Go bowling or another "fun" trip