EXECUTIVE MENTOR PROGRAM

Information for Potential Executive Mentors

What is the MNU Executive Mentor Program?
MidAmerica Nazarene University started the Executive Mentor Program in September 2014. Our program pairs current undergraduate business students with professionals who provide career advice, assistance in the development of the student’s interpersonal skills, guidance in the internship and job search process, and networking opportunities, all in hopes of better preparing our students for their professional lives.

What are the requirements to be an Executive Mentor?
Executive mentors need not be alumni of MidAmerica Nazarene University. We are looking for successful individuals with at least 10 years of professional experience in business, or related to business. An executive mentor must have an interest and the ability to nurture a student’s professional development and have access to a network of individuals, both professional and personal, from whom the mentor can draw on as resources to assist the student.

Why should I get involved?
Perhaps you had a great mentor when you were in college, or thinking back on it, wish that you would have. This is an excellent opportunity to provide that type of assistance and advantage to a young person nervous about starting his/her career. Students need someone who will provide them with honest feedback and a realistic picture of what professional life is like. As an executive mentor, you will gain a better understanding of young professionals entering the workplace; their interests, skill sets and academic preparation. You will have the opportunity to shape these students into the type of employees and colleagues with whom you wish to work. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to increase awareness of your company at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

What is the time commitment?
We expect mentors and students to communicate with each other at least once per month during the academic year. Communication could be an in-person meeting, phone conversation, video chat, email or text. The method you use and how often you communicate is up to you and your student to decide. Once you select a student to mentor, you work with that student until s/he graduates or until one or both of you decides to discontinue the professional relationship.

How do I get started?
If you are interested in being an Executive Mentor, please complete the brief application on our website: www.mnu.edu/mentoring.

Do you want more information before you commit? There are additional resources on www.mnu.edu/mentoring, and please do not hesitate to contact our office at (913) 971-3275 or mentoring@mnu.edu with questions.