

IAFP Family Medicine Mentor Connection

IAFP is pleased to offer a program to link IAFP student members with IAFP resident and active member volunteers for a mentoring connection. We had a successful 2017 launch, and have received grant funding from AAFP Family Medicine Philanthropic Consortium to continue and expand in 2019.

Why? The goal of this program is to provide students with a variety of tangible family medicine exposures, positive mentoring and interaction only available and possible through the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.

Requirements of Mentor Connection participants

- Students must be a member of IAFP at an Illinois-based medical school with a valid email address on file. Pilot participants cannot opt out or unsubscribe IAFP email communications.
- This is a mentoring program only for personal, leadership or career exploration. Students who need guidance with academic (classroom) struggles should seek help directly from their school.

- Students must have an expected graduation year of 2020 or later.

Mentors will be recruited in January 2019 when we know how many new mentors we will need.

What to expect:

- The students and mentors will be asked to connect 4-8 times each year.
- A "connection" can be face-to-face meetings on your own time (visit the practice, meet for coffee, attend an event together), Skype/Facetime, phone calls, email check-in.
- Students and mentors will be offered options to meet up in person in conjunction with the Essential Evidence conference in Chicago and Peoria, and Spring into Action in Springfield. Each of these count towards your total connections.
- The Foundation will also host events specifically for mentor pairs if there is significant interest among participants.
- Students and their mentors will be asked to complete a mid-year short online survey and then

a final online survey by December 31, 2019.

Students will be directed to the **Mentorship** community forum on the IAFP web site to connect with a mentor directly. Each volunteer family physician coach will be responsible for responding to a student request. IAFP staff will monitor the community forum to ensure students and mentors find each other, but will not directly pair students to mentors.

Students and mentors will need to schedule their own interactions. All students and mentors will receive direct email invites to all IAFP sponsored events, where they can also meet in person at the learning and networking opportunities available at IAFP events.

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