



INTERACTING WITH YOUR SCHOLAR

Ways to engage and encourage your Scholar during the school year and over the summer

Personal Meetings – Try to work these in while you get to know your Scholar and have fun together!

Remember that these meetings are to be in a visible, public location.

- When you meet for the first time do a personal ice breaker or two.
- Begin the process of learning your Scholar's personal story.
- Share contact information and best way/times to communicate. Be in contact by text, email or phone 1 – 2 times a month and meet personally once a semester and in the summer.
- Talk about your college location and major and the good, bad and ugly of your college experience.
- Share what you would do differently (if anything) if you could do college or career over.
- Discuss the lessons you learned along the way and how they made you stronger.
- Share the pros and cons of the major you chose, how you became interested in your career choice and how college prepared you for it.
- Talk about the work you do, your professional and personal growth.

Conversations by text, phone, email

Most students feel like they are the only one feeling lost and overwhelmed the first few weeks of college and at other times along the way. Encourage them in organization, concentration, social interaction, etc.

1. Provide encouragement!
2. Relay concerns to the Program Director and Academic Manager.
3. Send your Scholar a story, article, You Tube to help relieve stress the first few weeks of the semester.
4. Stress the importance of the scholar's Bi-monthly Report and regular communication with the Academic Manager about their academic progress, campus resources such as syllabuses, free study labs, free tutoring, study groups, and use of a planner, study habits and study skills, financial obligations/needs, and personal social/family concerns.
5. Keep pressing on to know your scholar better.
6. Help keep the end in view. Talk about their short- and long-term goals.
7. Ask your student periodically to visualize themselves walking across the stage at graduation and imagine what that might feel like.
8. Inquire early in the semester about end-of-semester assignments, and brainstorm ways to finish strong.
9. Keep checking in during the semester, and especially during mid-terms and finals to encourage your scholar and report any issues to the Program Director and Academic Manager.