

August 24, 2004

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to seek your participation in Stony Brook's Mentor Program sponsored by the Academic and Pre-Professional Advising Center. In its 20-year history, the Mentor Program has successfully paired faculty, administrators, and staff like you with undergraduate students seeking a mentor. As primary goals of the program, mentors help students adjust to college life and connect them to the Stony Brook community, as well as provide support regarding academic, career, major, or research interests.

This past year, the Mentor Program had more than 100 active mentors across the Stony Brook campus, all providing valuable guidance and support to our students and contributing toward the University's retention efforts. This year, the Mentor Program wishes to expand its services by providing more support for our transfer and upperclass students.

All new and returning mentors will be invited to training and information sessions in the fall and will be offered tickets to bring their mentees to various campus activities and events. If you wish to participate in the Mentor Program, please complete the form available at:
<http://ws.cc.stonybrook.edu/provost/Forms/Mentor.htm>

Forms must be returned by September 8, 2004 to Mercy Erike, Mentor Program Coordinator at mercy.erike@stonybrook.edu or via campus mail to the Academic and Pre-Professional Advising Center, E-2360 Melville Library, Z=3353. For further information, please contact Mercy Erike at 632-7085.

Thank you for your involvement and support in this important initiative.

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Provost and Executive VP for Academic Affairs