



# SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

## ALUMNI NETWORK MENTORING PROGRAM

### *THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE*

## ABOUT PROGRAM

The Alumni Network Mentoring Program connects Southwestern sophomores and juniors with six (6) alumni over the course of the academic year through PirateConnect. The connections will be based on professional interest, major, student organization involvement, and other areas of academic and co-curricular life.

## WHY PARTICIPATE?

The Alumni Network Mentoring Program aids in expanding your professional connections within the Southwestern community. Through purposeful engagement with Alumni Mentors, you will:

- Engage with alumni who have similar interests or experiences as you.
- Learn and practice networking skills.
- Gain helpful insight into careers of interest to you.
- Develop networking and professional development goals.
- Advance your leadership, communication, and professional skills.

## STUDENT COMMITMENT

Student commitment to the Alumni Network Mentoring Program begins when they register in late April of each academic year and is as follows:

- Summer - students can revise their professional resume and submit it to the program coordinator for feedback
- August - Required program training
- September - April - Mentor/Mentee matches and follow up, professional development sessions, and End of the Year Celebration

Students will connect with Alumni Mentors through PirateConnect. Meetings between mentors and mentees typically last for one hour.

## HOW DO I SIGN UP?

To register for the Alumni Network Mentoring Program, please create an account in PirateConnect or revise your account to make sure that your profile is complete with the following:

- Profile Picture
- Tagline including the career you aspire to
- A brief bio including 3-5 sentences describing your focus of study and your career interests and goals
- A copy of your resume uploaded in the document section

After creating/revising your account, navigate to the Mentoring Programs tab and click the green "Join" button. Be sure to fill out the Mentee registration questions.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 512-863-1410 or [alumni@southwestern.edu](mailto:alumni@southwestern.edu).