

Friday, June 16
MENTOR/MENTEE MIXER

Intern-Mentees teamed with NPR-Mentors

Over 30 Interns took part in “Connections,” NPR’s Mentorship Program this summer. A program designed to place an NPR staff-mentor with an intern-mentee, “Connections” will offer extra support and motivation for participating interns dealing with life, work, and goals. Mentors, like mentees, volunteer their time and make a commitment to one another, as well as the Connections Program, for one full year. Each intern-mentee is teamed with their own mentor based on his/her likes, interests, and aspirations. The team chooses how to communicate or when to meet (at least two times a month) and what their goals are for one another.

The meeting on Friday consisted of yummy food, brief intros, and new friends. Many NPR mentors exclaimed gratitude for their past mentors, thus desiring to “carry the torch” of mentorship. Others explained they never had a mentor-mentee relationship, knew how challenging life/school/job-searching can be, and therefore wanted to help a young-someone get to his/her goal with an added support system. Mentees expressed interest in the “Connections” program by wanting to take advantage of NPR opportunities; others seemed to need more guidance for their next step in life.

As mentioned, mentors and mentees are left to develop their own relationship with periodic check-ins throughout the year. Everyone left excited and looking forward to the new insights each mentor or mentee will bring.

***If you are not a part of the “Connections” program and would like to be, please contact Karen Jackson-Bullitt at x. 2028.**