



Leadership
Legacy
Experience

University of Connecticut
Alumni Mentor Role

Legacy Students at the University of Connecticut are in the process of not only leaving a lasting impression on campus but also in preparing for their future after graduation to lead, contribute, and build a legacy in their field of work, community, and family.

Alumni Mentors play an important role in helping Legacy Students successfully bridge their work as students to their future beyond graduation. Mentors meet and correspond with their 'mentee', sharing experiences, offering advice, and possibly helping them make the connections that will enable them to further their development as leaders who represent the best of what the University has to offer long after they leave campus.

The specific relationship between Legacy Students and their Alumni Mentor will be determined individually by each pair. The specific ways in which Mentors help, guide, and interact with their Legacy Student(s) will vary depending on the experiences, resources, needs, and relationship developed between the two.

However, some specific elements of the Student/Mentor relationship might include:

- ❖ Attending various program events with your Legacy Student (i.e. Receptions, Guest Lecturers, Socials, etc.). Mentors will be invited to many of the events.
- ❖ Meet with your Legacy Student off-campus to reflect on their experience Legacy and discuss his/her post-graduation plans, and opportunities to contribute to their community as University alum.
- ❖ Invite your Legacy Student to meet fellow (relevant) leaders in your 'community' that might help build their network of support and resources after graduation.
- ❖ Provide general career/life skills advice as your Legacy Student prepares to search for and apply for jobs/graduate school etc.
- ❖ Offer to have your Legacy Student 'shadow' you at work and discuss relevant issues of balancing personal and professional responsibilities while being an active leader in your community, etc.

In sum, the Alumni Mentoring component of Legacy is the opportunity for student and alum to mutually grow and learn from shared experiences, meaningful conversations, and a common bond in the University of Connecticut.

