



Wildcat Mentor Program: General questions and answers

Q: What is the Wildcat Mentor Program?

A: The Wildcat Mentor Program is a program intended for CJSHS seniors to have the resources and support they need to make a successful transition into postsecondary education and career opportunities. Students interested will receive support for their first year of college or career and may decide after their first year to not be an active Mentee, continue their involvement as a Mentee, or transition into a Mentor to support the next cohort of CJSHS seniors.

Q: What is the role of a Mentee?

A: The role of a Mentee is to commit to 3-5 hours a month (or what you and your Mentor sees best fit) to virtually meet with your Mentor and have 1-1 check-ins throughout the academic year. Get to know your Mentor, ask questions about what their journey was like, and take full advantage of opportunities to learn. Remember, your Mentor is your #1 “Cheerleader” so do not be afraid to voice your concerns and seek input or advice. Be respectful of each other’s time and respond to all communications in a timely manner.

Q: What is the role of a Mentor?

A: The role of a Mentor is to provide support and guidance to their Mentee(s) by sending reminders for important dates like renewing their financial aid, assisting students with accessing free resources on campus, reviewing their cover letter or resume, and essentially, assisting Mentees with any educational questions they may have. Mentors are expected to schedule timely check-ins with their Mentee(s), be available and accessible, and listen and reflect to help promote a sense of belonging for Mentees.

Q: Who are the Mentors?

A: The majority of the Mentors are individuals either from the Calistoga community or graduates from CJSHS. Some Mentors started off at a Community College and transferred to a 4-year university (CSU, UC, Private or Out of State). Others may have only obtained their associates or a certificate from a Community College. There are Mentors who have gone to a 4-year university directly after high school. Additionally, some of our Mentors may have graduated from technical schools, apprenticeship programs, or are entrepreneurs. Evidently, our Mentors have their own educational journey and are here to support you with yours by sharing their past experiences and knowledge with you.