

## IAFP Family Medicine Mentor Connection

IAFP offers a program to link IAFP student members with IAFP resident and active member volunteers for a mentoring connection.

**Why?** The goal of this program is to provide students with a variety of tangible family medicine exposures, positive mentoring and interaction only available and possible through the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians.

### Requirements of Mentor Connection participants

-Students must be a member of IAFP with a valid email address on file. Participants cannot opt out or unsubscribe IAFP email communications.

-This is a mentoring program only for personal, leadership or career exploration. Students who need guidance with academic (classroom) struggles should seek help directly from their school.

-Students must have an expected graduation year of 2021 or later.

Mentors can [volunteer here](#) .

**Student applications** closed January 1, 2020

### What to expect:

-The students and mentors will be asked to connect 4-8 times each year.

-A "connection" can be face-to-face meetings on your own time (visit the practice, meet for coffee, attend an event together), Skype/Facetime, phone calls, email check-in.

-Students and mentors will be offered options to meet up in person in conjunction with the Essential Evidence conference in Chicago and Peoria, and any other live events hosted by IAFP. Each of these count towards your total connections. The Foundation could also host events specifically for mentor pairs if there is significant interest among participants.

-Students and their mentors will be asked to complete a mid-year short online survey and then a final online survey by December 31, 2020.

Students will be directed to a Google platform to select a mentor beginning in February. Each volunteer family physician coach will be responsible for responding to a student's request. IAFP staff will monitor the process to ensure students and mentors find each other, but will not directly pair students to mentors.

Students and mentors will need to schedule their own interactions. All students and mentors will receive direct email invites to all IAFP sponsored events, where they can also meet in person at the learning and networking opportunities available at IAFP events. There is no compensation or reimbursement provided to mentors or students in this program.

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