

The **COES Mentoring Program April 2011 Mentee Newsletter** contains information on resources, upcoming events, mentoring tips and other items of interest to help you be successful.

Take a Break and Grab Lunch at the Ropp! The large dining room at the Ropp Center has been reserved twice a month to provide time/space for Mentees/Mentors to meet. Take advantage of this time to meet with your Mentor!

* **Practices of Successful Leaders.** Whether you are leading graduate students in your lab or a research group preparing a research proposal, these five characteristics of successful leaders are bound to be of value: 1) challenge the process, 2) inspire a shared vision, 3) enable others to act, 4) model the way, and 5) encourage the heart. If you'd like to read more, check out "Practices of Successful (Group) Leaders" from Tomorrow's Professor at: <http://cgi.stanford.edu/~dept-ctl/tomprof/posting.php?ID=1086>

Mentoring Tip for April:

* My students are always surprised when I tell them that, although I am a mathematician, I spend the majority of my day writing. As a faculty member, so much of our success depends on our ability to communicate - from grant proposals to journal publications to that lecture on center of mass - and most of us could write even better than we currently do. "***How to Sharpen Your Writing and Make Your Manuscripts More Engaging***," (from the November 2009 issue of "The Scientist") contains some really good ideas. Check it out at: http://issuu.com/stedranet/docs/writing_rituals