

The **COES Mentoring Program October 2010 Mentee Newsletter** features information on resources, upcoming events, mentoring tips and other items of interest to help you be successful.

* **Take a few minutes to do a mini-assessment.** Most of you have been working with your Mentor since last spring. This might be a good time to stop and assess how things are going. Check out the “Mentoring Needs Assessment” on the ADVANCEing Faculty website (<http://www.advance.latech.edu> under the Mentoring resources tab). In addition to helping you think about your mentoring experience, it contains some great ideas on topics to discuss with your Mentor.

* **Have you talked with your Mentor about teaching?** Mentoring discussions often focus on research, grants, and publications, which are important! But teaching is another area where mentoring can be helpful. I have been teaching for 25 years and I learn something new every quarter. Ask your Mentor to share their top three strengths and top three challenges in teaching with you and be prepared to do the same. You may be surprised that you both struggle with similar issues, regardless of whether or not you are teaching the same subjects.

* **Take a break and attend some of the Today's E&S Leader talks.** The Dean sponsors a lecture series that features a variety of external experts in engineering and science who share a one-hour lecture on topics of broad interest to students and faculty alike. Encourage your students to attend as well - I find that if I mention items like this to my class and explain why they should attend, I can get 50% of them to come.

Mentoring Tip for October:

* Twice a month the Office for Women in Science and Engineering hosts the **OWISE Graduate Seminar from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the Biomed Building Room 107**. Topics range from how to write/submit a conference paper to applying for a job to gender issues in STEM. All graduate students are welcome to attend. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch - we provide dessert. Check out the OWISE Grad Seminar webpage (http://www.latech.edu/coes/owise_seminar.shtml) for past presentations and a schedule of upcoming seminars.

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