

The **COES Mentoring Program September 2010 Mentee Newsletter** is to provide information on resources, upcoming events, mentoring tips and other items of interest designed to help you make the most of your time this fall.

* **Contact with your Mentor now to set up a schedule for Fall Quarter.** You may or may not have had time to meet with your Mentor over the summer, but now is a good time to contact your Mentor and determine the best day/time to meet this fall. If the length and frequency of your meetings in the Spring Quarter worked well, you might want to use the same format. If you feel that you both could benefit from meeting more often or for longer or shorter periods of time, now is a good time to suggest a change in your meeting format. If you and your Mentor are having trouble finding a time to meet, suggest meeting over lunch or late Friday afternoon. Be sure that you are prepared for your meetings and that they are a priority - these are key to a successful mentoring relationship! For additional ideas about ways that mentoring can be valuable to you, check out the Mentor Resources on the COES Mentoring Program website at: http://www.latech.edu/coes/owise_coesmentoring.shtml

* **Use one meeting to discuss/review/revise goals for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.** This is a great time to set goals in teaching, research and service for the 2010-2011 academic year. If you set goals last spring, it's probably a good idea to review and update them after the summer. Ask your Mentor for ideas about potential funding sources or RFPs, new initiatives in the COES that might be of interest to you, effective ways to recruit new graduate students, what appropriate goals might be in the areas of publications, proposals, grad students. Take some time to reflect on what you need to do before your Mid-Term Review or Tenure and Promotion Review.

* **Make plans now to attend the annual COES Gumbofest at the Argent Pavilion at the football stadium.** This is the fall kick-off event for the COES students and faculty. In addition to enjoying some great Louisiana gumbo, it is a chance to see the different types of student organizations and activities we have in the College. If you are looking for an area of service, you will find some good ideas here! I always announce it in my classes and encourage my students to attend, as well. The ticket is a Gumbofest t-shirt. You can purchase them at the Undergraduate Studies Office in Bogard Hall 217 starting the middle of September. Shop early - popular sizes go fast!

Mentoring Tip for September:

* The university uses the open source **Moodle** course management software for all courses at the university. Web-based training sessions are offered by CAPD. These are a great way to learn more about how to use these resources to enhance your teaching. Check with CAPD (257-2912) or our own IDEAS professional development program (4647) for more information.

Questions? Contact the OWISE Office at 257-2101 or advance@latech.edu.