

Session 6: It's a Wrap

If you're already to this point, you've completed the first year mentoring curriculum and the academic year is quickly drawing to a close. As you prepare to conclude your mentoring partnership this year, we invite you to take some time to reflect on this experience and celebrate the conclusion of another academic year. In addition to this informal and personal discussion you'll be having together, we ask that you complete the 2016/17 CLA Mentoring Evaluation. Your feedback is vitally important as we seek to make this experience beneficial for mentees and mentors alike, and we thank you in advance for taking a few minutes of your time to complete it.

Discuss

Please go back to your first session together and review your goals. Read them out loud one at a time, and reflect on the degree to which you feel you've accomplished each of these goals.

Discover

1. Personal discovery: What have you discovered about yourself and your leadership understanding/style/practice/etc? What discoveries, "aha's," or revelations did you make? Or, what was confirmed through discussion and discovery over these past months together? What elements of this mentoring experience will continue to resonate with you as you go forward from here?
2. Paired discovery: What has this mentoring experience been like for each of you? What challenges did you face and how successful were you in meeting those challenges? What have you learned from your mentor/mentee? What have the highlights of this experience been for you?

Develop

The CLA mentoring program is designed as a one-year match. Exposing students to a variety of people and experiences provides them benefits as they are developing their leadership understanding and skill and provides mentors with opportunities to influence a number of students.

However, pairs are welcomed and encouraged to continue another year of mentoring if both parties are interested in renewing the partnership for another academic year and both plan to participate in the CLA mentoring program next year. Mentoring research continually demonstrates the benefits of extended relationships for both mentors and mentees, and we fully support any pairs that would like to continue their relationship next year. For those who remain paired, a second year curriculum will be made available.

Together, develop a plan for moving forward, and indicate on your end-of-year evaluation whether you'll be renewing the partnership or starting a new match. Whatever you both decide to do, take some time to celebrate the journey you've taken together and the enjoy reflecting on your experiences here in the CLA mentoring program.