

PEER MENTORING CAREER READINESS PILOT PROGRAM SPRING 2020

DESCRIPTION

The Student Engagement and Career Development (SECD), in collaboration with HSI Initiatives, and the Guerrero Student Center (Latinx-identity cultural center), sponsored a peer coach to intentionally support Latinx students' career readiness needs through a 12-week pilot program. Through SECD's peer education model, the peer coach was equipped with the training necessary to present to other students on important career related topics. The peer coach offered individual sessions through weekly office hours and began co-presenting on career readiness topics inside the Guerrero Student Center. Due to COVID-19, sessions and office hours quickly pivoted to offer students resources and assistance virtually.

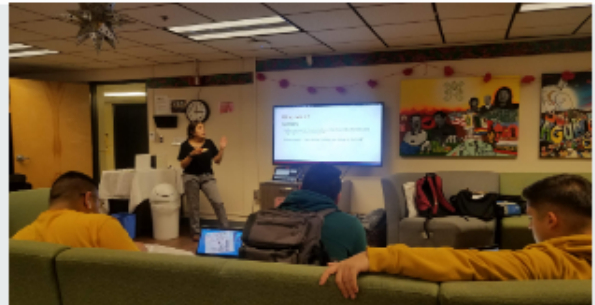
PARTICIPANTS

- 34% participants attended 1+ presentation
- 25% participants engaged with SECD within 2 months after attending a presentation
- 18% participants engaged with SECD related activities and programs for the first time after attending a presentation
- TOTAL PARTICIPANTS = 96
 - 55 students (undergraduate/graduate) 25 UA Staff, 3 UA Faculty, 15 community members, 4 unknown

SESSIONS

4 In-Person

6 - Online



GUEST SPEAKERS

March 31: Nationally Competitive Scholarship Awards

- *Danielle Barefoot*, Assistant Director, Nationally Competitive Scholarship Awards

April 7: HSI Initiatives and HACU Opportunities

- *Janette Morales*, Executive Director, Student & PK-12 Services, HACU
- *Dr. Lillian Gorman*, Asst. Professor, Spanish & Portuguese; Director, Spanish as a Heritage Language Program

April 21: Interviewing Skills

- *Aldo Melo*, SECD LifeLab Peer Educator

May 5: Art of Storytelling Panel

- *Ricky Hernandez*, AVP, University Alumni & Development Program (UADP)
- *Dr. Lillian Gorman*, Asst. Professor, Spanish & Portuguese; Director, Spanish as a Heritage Language Program
- *Dr. Cathy Duarte Gastelum*, Mexican American Studies (MAS) Adjunct Faculty, Pima Community College, MEChA Co-Advisor
- *Abril Chavez*, UA undergraduate student, SECD LifeLab Peer Educator, CALS Mentor, Apache-Santa Cruz Resident Assistant



VIRTUAL CAREER MENTORING SESSIONS

Have career questions?

Ask Karina Soriano, a Peer Coach with Student Engagement & Career Development!

Karina can assist you with all things career, including resumes, cover letters, interviews, and the job/internship search.

Virtual Office Hours: Every Tuesday

9:30 AM - 12:20 PM

Connect: Make an appointment in Handshake during office hours

Virtual Peer Mentoring Session Schedule: Every Tuesday

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Connect: Register on Handshake for more info

March 31: Nationally Competitive Scholarship Awards

April 7: HSI Initiatives and HACU opportunities

April 14: Networking Skills

April 21: Interviewing Skills

April 28: Job and Internship Search Support

May 5: Art of Storytelling



Questions? Contact: PriscillaAyala@arizona.edu

STUDENT VOICE

"This program was something that looked for students without the students having to look for themselves, and I feel in our busy lives as students, it is always helpful to have a resource come to us.... This experience has allowed me to reach out to students for career services and provide them with the information they may have not been given before".