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Good afternoon!

The Office of Academic Success & Achievement (ASA) is excited to [invite faculty and staff members](#) to serve as mentors in our expanded Arizona Mentors program! Over the last year, Arizona Mentors has grown in size and scope, and we will continue to help students cultivate relationships with faculty and staff mentors. We hope you will consider [volunteering](#) to connect with students in this unique engagement opportunity.

Formerly part of the Arizona Assurance Scholars program, Arizona Mentors strives to engage students by matching them with faculty and staff who provide guidance and support in one-on-one mentoring relationships. This year, for the first time, ASA hopes to specifically reach out to sophomores and juniors to support longer term connections for students who are professionally and academically ready for a mentor.

Mentors returning to the program will notice that we are asking more about what you hope to experience before the match is even made. We realize that students and mentors approach mentoring with a range of expectations and needs.

We find that the strongest mentoring relationships are those that form early in the academic year. Although mentors and students are welcome to take part in the program at any time, we will begin making our first mentor matches of the year around September 19 and will review applications throughout the fall and spring.

Please consider [volunteering](#) to support students in this vital, exciting capacity! Academic Success & Achievement is excited to continue this program as a part of the UA experience. If you have questions or suggestions, please e-mail Michelle McKelvey at mfig@email.arizona.edu.

Thank you,
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