

# *Boston College*

## *Presidential Scholars*

### *Program*



## *PSP Faculty Mentor*

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## *Program Description*

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The Faculty Mentor Program matches Scholars with faculty mentors based on the Scholars' areas of interest and the mentors areas of expertise (where possible). We encourage mentors and Scholars to meet at least once a month during the academic year. In the past some of our successful matches have collaborated on research projects or worked side-by-side in a lab – experiences that have been mutually beneficial.



*I LOVE this program. I've enjoyed meeting with my mentor...[she] has been supportive academically and personally. I certainly would like to continue with her. I don't know of any way my particular experience could be any better...Thanks!*

***Natalia Bauer '08***

# How the Program Works

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Mentors and Scholars connect with one another to arrange their monthly meetings. We expect both to equally share the responsibility of making arrangements to meet. Meetings may take whatever form works best for each party. These may include, but are not limited to sharing a meal, having coffee/tea, attending a lecture/program, attending a theater production or live music event. The meetings may take place on or off campus. We also welcome mentors to our events as that provides another opportunity to connect with their Scholars throughout the academic year.

*I have absolutely loved working with [my mentee] over this past year and hope that he will want to continue with me as his mentor...I think that the structure/guidelines/etc that you have in place are great.*

**Prof. Susan Michalczyk**  
**PSP Mentor**

## Information for Mentors

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The faculty mentors in our program assist us in providing an added level of support and guidance to our Scholars. The mentors provide a vital link between the students and their academic department. It is our hope that mentors will benefit as much from the mentoring relationship as the Scholars.

We also provide two opportunities a year for mentors to gather together to share ideas with each other. These have been helpful to attendees in the past, especially those new to mentoring.

In an effort to help mentors with expenses they may incur while meeting with their Scholar we either issue a dining card or reimburse mentors for their expenses (whichever method the mentor prefers). For mentors that wish to go off campus we will provide reimbursement guidelines to you in advance.

We encourage those unfamiliar with the Presidential Scholars Program to visit our website which can be found at:  
<http://www.bc.edu/centers/psp/>

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## Information for Scholars

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Prior to your arrival in your freshman year you will be asked to complete a mentor request form. We use the information from that form to match you with a faculty mentor. Once that match is set you will be notified via e-mail regarding the name and contact information for your mentor. We ask that you write to your mentor to introduce yourself.

For these matches to be successful it is important that the Scholars respond to all communications from their faculty mentors in a timely manner, arrive to appointments/meetings as scheduled or if you have to cancel notify your mentor a minimum of 24 hours in advance. The mentors are doing this on a voluntary basis so please be respectful of their time.

## Information for Mentors & Scholars

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We hope that your match will be successful and will be a rewarding experience for you. We welcome your feedback at anytime throughout the year so that we can assist you on building the relationship.

*I think the [mentor] program is a great idea and has helped me a great deal this past year. My faculty mentor has been a great match for me and I would definitely like to continue with him next year. He has helped me with many things over the year, most notably course selection. I will be working with him [in his lab] for the remainder of the summer.*

**Tim Kelly '09**