A Sample of Companies Represented in the 2022-2023 Mentor Program:

Amazon
Armanino
Bellevue College
Boeing
Copiers NW
Deloitte
Eastern Washington University
EY- Ernst & Young
Grant Thornton
Hauser Jones & SAS
KOM Consulting
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Microsoft
Northwest Hardwoods
Oracle
Protiviti
PwC- PricewaterhouseCoopers
Skillz Inc.
T-Mobile

How to Become Involved

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www.seattleu.edu/business/departments/accounting/accounting-mentor-program/
**Program Overview**

This program, coordinated by the Albers Department of Accounting, provides a unique opportunity for graduate and undergraduate accounting students to interact with professionals from leading Puget Sound companies and organizations. It offers students opportunities to develop business contacts, access industry information, and gain valuable insights from experienced and successful professionals.

The program is highly acclaimed by the business community and Albers students. Becoming a mentor is a great way to give back and make a difference in the professional development of Seattle University business students.

With the new environment we find ourselves in many meetings and events will be virtual. Students are excited to

**Expectations of a Mentor**

- Mentors will be matched with 1-3 students.
- The program begins in early October and runs through mid-June.
- Mentors are asked to attend the Mentor Fair to meet the students (held virtually on Sept. 25th). Beyond that, scheduling of meetings is at the convenience of the mentor and students.
- Meet with mentor group usually

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**Mentors for Undergrad Students:**

- Juniors and Seniors in the Department of Accounting are eligible for the program
- Able to work with less directed individuals and provide structure when needed
- Have a teacher approach
- Students are generally looking for a mentor who will address their individual concerns and questions, provide opportunities for career exploration.
- Patience and flexibility
- Need to be very approachable as undergraduates are more easily intimidated than graduate students
- May be interacting with international students with little or no work experience
- Meet with students every 4-6 weeks.

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**Mentors for Grad Students:**

- Work with self-directed, self-motivated individuals within a group—may have to direct meeting content when individuals’ agendas conflict
- Have an advisor, coach approach
- Students are generally looking for well-connected mentors who can help them network
- Patience and flexibility
- Approachable and fairly accessible
- May be dealing with international students with little or no work experience
- Meet with students every 4-6 weeks.

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**Benefits of the Mentor Program**

- Opportunity to give back
- Unique ability to help guide business graduate students and senior undergraduate students in their professional development and preparation for the business world or a specific industry
- The opportunity to meet and network with other Puget Sound executives in a variety of industries and companies
- Programs and events provided to support your mentor endeavors, help you connect with other mentors and hear speakers on a variety of business and leadership topics

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**Favorite Activities of Mentors and Students**

- Company tours
- Discussions of career paths and resume reviews
- Discussions of topics students are covering in classes
- Students attending a company meeting or training session
- Real world case studies about situations the mentor or mentor’s company has faced
- Discussions of various business articles
- Meetings arranged with business leaders in students’ areas of interest
- Attendance together at an Albers event or professional association networking event