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Peer Mentoring Program

What?
- Initiative to increase retention of minority students pursuing STEM degrees
- Facilitate peer mentoring amongst Cincy SACNAS Chapter members.
Peer Mentoring Program

Why?

- Mentoring provides with professional socialization & personal support to facilitate success in undergrad and grad school.
- Quality mentoring greatly enhances students’ chance for success.
Peer Mentoring Program

How?

• Call to sign-up.
• Meet-and-greet (speed dating)
• Ranking Sheet
• Pair match
• Email intro with bio.
• Meet once a month
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Outcomes

• (2019): 6 pairs matched.
• (2020): 8 pairs & counting!

Challenges

• Increase # pairs
• COVID-19: Switch to Zoom meetings
Careers for PhDs Professional Panel
Mock Presentations for National Conferences
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