

“I truly believe in the AFP peer mentoring concept. Each time I’ve worked with a protégé, I’ve come away with a long-lasting relationship that extends my network. I value highly the time spent to help develop the professional careers of AFP members.”

– Dr. Wesley E. Lindahl, SBNM Dean at North Park University

“AFP's Peer Mentoring Program allows professionals to explore new ideas and learn best practices without having to change jobs. In this way both participants benefit the fundraising community by promoting innovation and stability across the profession.”

– Charles L. Katzenmeyer, Vice President, Advancement for The Field Museum

“As the Chair of AFP's Peer Mentoring Committee, I have seen the many benefits mentoring offers protégés. In the end, just like fundraising...it all comes down to relationships. If the protégé really takes advantage of the opportunity, having a lifelong support system will result from spending a year with his/her mentor. I know I think of many of my past protégés as family. I stay in touch and offer advice and connections whenever I can help. I've provided job leads, recommendations, introductions, resume edits, funding possibilities annual appeal proofing, and event suggestions (Just last month, one friend increased her profits significantly after implementing a few things that have worked for me in the past.) I hope potential protégés think of the Peer Mentoring program as an investment in themselves and their careers. They will benefit long after the official program ends!”

– Sherre Jennings Cullen, CFRE, Director of Development at Urban Gateways

“AFP Chicago is proud that our Peer Mentoring Program continues to serve the needs of our members – both emerging and seasoned professionals – and to serve as a format for organizations across the country to model. We look forward to strengthening the fundraising profession through the Program in partnership with North Park University.”

– Eric Johnson, MSLOC, CFRE, Director of National Philanthropy at Building Educated Leaders for Life