



# MINNESOTA RECREATION & PARK ASSOCIATION



## MRPA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

*Grow Together*

CREATING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIPS AMONG MINNESOTA RECREATION PROFESSIONALS.

**Are you a student or career professional** who wants to connect with other park and recreation professionals to expand your knowledge, grow professionally, and take the next steps in your career?

**Are you an experienced or distinguished professional** who wants to share your expertise to give back to those in the park and recreation profession while learning more about new industry trends?

**If you answered yes to either of these questions, then this program is for you!**

The MRPA Mentorship Program helps park and recreation students and professionals grow professionally in the field through meaningful connections..

### Benefits for Mentees:

- Be introduced to new opportunities
- Receive feedback regarding various skills
- Gain personal and professional development
- Receive support and direction for new endeavors
- Share frustrations and successes

### Benefits for Mentors:

- Inspire and improve the career of others
- Provide guidance to others in the profession
- Gain a new perspective about the field
- Learn about new trends in the industry
- Network with other professionals in the field

### About the Mentorship Program

The MRPA Mentorship Program enables students and career professionals to be paired with an experienced or distinguished professional for an experience that will last a lifetime.

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply from all areas within the park and recreation field. This program will benefit all professionals seeking to enhance their career.

Those interested in participating must complete and submit a brief application by January 16, 2024 to MRPA. The mentorship committee will review applications and create mentorship pairs taking into consideration compatible characteristics, individual objectives, and geographic location.

A series of three meet-up events and two meet on your own events will be scheduled to provide each mentorship pair the ability to set goals, build relationships, and share experiences.

### 2024 Mentorship Events\*

#### Mentorship Connection

January 30, 2024, 10-11 a.m. | Virtual

#### Meet on Your Own

February 2024 (date, time and location determined by pairings)

#### Educational Event

March 26, 10 - 11 a.m. | Virtual

#### Meet on Your Own

April 2024 (date, time and location determined by pairings)

#### Celebration Luncheon

May 7, 2024, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Location: TBD

\*Pairs are encouraged to meet informally to grow professionally outside of the scheduled events.

### QUESTIONS?

Email Michelle Snider at MRPA, [snider@mnrpa.org](mailto:snider@mnrpa.org).



**REGISTRATION CLOSSES JANUARY 16, 2024**  
(Space is limited, apply early)

**APPLY ONLINE NOW!**

Apply at [mnrpa.org/Mentorship-Program](http://mnrpa.org/Mentorship-Program)