

### 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?

### Then this program is for you!

**The MRPA Mentorship Program** is a new program to help Park and Recreation students and professionals grow professionally in the field through meaningful connections.

## Interested in Applying?

Register online at [www.mnrpa.org](http://www.mnrpa.org)

Registration Closes on **December 17, 2021** *Space is limited, apply early!*

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# MRPA

## Mentorship Program

*Grow Together*



Creating mutually beneficial relationships among Minnesota recreation professionals.



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## 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



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 will need to complete and submit a brief application by December 17, 2021 to MRPA. The mentorship committee will review the applications and create the 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.



## Schedule of Events:

### Mentorship Reveal

January 14 | 9 - 10 a.m.  
(Annual General Meeting)  
Apple Valley

### Meet on Your Own

February | date and time determined by pairings

### Educational Event

March 11 | 10 - 11 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting

### Meet on Your Own

April | date and time determined by pairings

### Celebration Event

May 13 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Location TBD

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