

FACT SHEET

The Trinity Mentoring Networks

What are the Trinity mentoring networks?

- The Trinity mentoring network program is an out-of-class network designed to support incoming students from their first days on campus.
- Each network is composed of a group of first-year students supported by a dedicated team, including: a dean, faculty mentor(s), a recent liberal arts graduate hired for one to two years to facilitate the transition to college, upper-level students who serve as peer mentors, career development mentors including alumni, and wellness mentors.

Why the mentoring networks?

- Mentoring networks are designed to connect students to their peers, creating an immediate sense of belonging; strengthen mentoring of students outside the classroom, inspiring them to cultivate knowledge; connect students to Hartford, equipping them to take advantage of our city's offerings; and prepare students for life by developing engaged, civically minded persons.
- Research has shown, and we have seen firsthand, the strong impact of mentorship on the lives of students, including establishing a student's sense of belonging, improving academic performance, and enhancing job satisfaction after college.

How do they work?

- Incoming students will be assigned to one of five mentoring networks.
- Each network will comprise about 120 first-year students who live in Jones, Elton, Jackson, Wheaton, Smith, North, and Funston. After the first year, there will be no commitment to living in a specific residence hall.
- There will be a central space on campus for the mentoring networks in which students can prepare meals, eat together, and talk in comfortable lounge spaces.
- Key features of the networks are self-governance, opportunities for leadership, programs on campus and in Hartford, intramurals, mentoring, and service.

How can I participate?

- Help design the network! Students know from firsthand experience what valuable support and mentoring can be. Our students will be involved in planning and implementing these networks, ensuring the networks meet the needs of 21st century students.
- Join President Berger-Sweeney at one of the gatherings she will announce. These small group meetings will be scheduled for various times of day to accommodate student schedules. Come share your ideas, offer your advice, and begin imagining a reinvigorated campus culture.