

# Architectural Engineering Mentoring Program



The Architectural Engineering Alumni Mentoring Program encourages engagement between current students in the Penn State Department of Architectural Engineering (AE) and alumni to provide students with opportunities to learn about the architecture, engineering, and construction industry and build key industry connections. The program also facilitates the professional development of AE students by providing them with guidance, counsel, and external resources familiar with the AE curriculum and industry opportunities.

The program organizers match alumni mentors with student mentees based on the participants' educational backgrounds, professional interests, and hobbies, among other criteria. The formal mentoring programming is planned for one academic year, but mentor-mentee pairs are encouraged to continue the mentoring relationship.

## Once paired, mentors work with their student mentees to:

- Create a mentoring work plan
- Identify goals for the mentoring relationship
- Offer guidance for specific AE collaborative class assignments
- Navigate professional networking and summer internships



"The best part about the Penn State AE Alumni Mentoring Program was having the ability to connect and meet someone within the industry. In addition, the program opened my eyes to the countless careers you can do as an AE graduate."  
- **Nathaniel Schuman, mentee**

At the end of each academic year, students and mentors will complete brief evaluations to help the program organizers understand how the program and relationship developed and help them improve the program in future years.

## Learn more and register:

Registration for both alumni mentors and current students is accepted through the second week of classes each fall semester, and mentoring pairs are matched shortly thereafter.

**Students:** [bit.ly/AE-StudentMentees](https://bit.ly/AE-StudentMentees)

**Alumni:** [bit.ly/AE-AlumniMentors](https://bit.ly/AE-AlumniMentors)

*The Industrial and Professional Advisory Council (IPAC), the Alumni Society of Architectural Engineers (ASAE), and the Student Society of Architectural Engineers (SSAE) jointly sponsor and run the Architectural Engineering Alumni Mentoring Program.*



"Great opportunity to interact with the student mentee and to offer advice and counsel to prepare them for a career in the industry."  
- **John O'Keefe, mentor, Clark Construction**