

# The Monthly Mentor

Creating a Culture of Members Helping Members

By: the MYP Committee

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Hi, Mentors and Mentees --

We hope this message finds you doing well at what is sure to have been a busy end of year/cycle... and also enjoying your home stretch of the experience as a part of our MYP program. As our time together as a cohort nears the annual wrap-up, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your participation and dedication to this program. Your commitment to learning, growing, and developing your professional skills is always inspiring.

With only a few final weeks left in your 1:1 partnerships, we encourage you to make the most of the time you have left to accomplish your professional goals together. Use this time to soak up those valuable insights, ask challenging questions, and explore new perspectives. We hope that your mentoring relationship has been a productive and powerful tool for personal and professional growth.

Don't forget, also, that we are now accepting Mentee/Mentor apps for next year, and we are already in a "deficit" for Mentors, please tap your colleagues if you think they should apply to be a Mentor; still time for Mentees in your network to apply, too. Apps are set to close later this week (May 20th).

Thank you again for your participation and dedication to the 2nd annual Mentor Year Program. We look forward to celebrating together in June at our final group wrap-up (June 1st, 9:00 am Eastern Standard/NY time).

**Homestretch to summer holidays! MYP Committee**



Mini Spotlight -- From Aaron Mayo: I just wanted to note that I received a very sweet note and gift package from my mentee, Ho Yu Sin, this morning. I am shocked it made it through Vietnamese customs! Thanks again for supporting the MYP program

SAVE THE DATE!  
**FINAL All Group Meeting**  
**JUNE 1 2023**  
**Zoom invite coming!**



**Links of interest**

**NACAC Resources**

**2023 Annual Conference**

**Sept 21-23 - Baltimore!**

**Other NACAC Events**

**High School and IECs**

**Check out the Purpose Challenge (UC Berkeley) - free toolkit for student self exploration! Perhaps a good summer activity?**

ACCIS Summer events/workshops  
INFO HERE

**University Admissions**

College Going is Changing (and we need better data) - Inside Higher Ed

**But also.....**

At no other time has higher education been more important --  
University World News

 **Share**

Please check out and use the shared resource spaces in our Google folder!



**A WARM MESSAGE FROM: JOE GIACALONE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION, MARIST COLLEGE**  
**PAST PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL ACAC.**

Mentorship can take many forms and certainly isn't one-size-fits-all. Perhaps you are already a mentor, a mentee, or you find yourself in mentor-moment during the lull of school visit or chance conversation. My mentors have come from previous leaders in International ACAC, someone that works at my institution, and someone that works in an adjacent field. I have also had the fortune to serve as a mentor in formal and informal circumstances. Although the work we do can be very rewarding it comes with it's share of frustrations and obstacles. Many times, it feels like we are an island of one. Whether you are doubting your role, want to expand your career, commiserate, or celebrate a success—a mentor is a key component to your longevity in any field.

If you do not have a mentor or you are interested in becoming a mentor, the good news is that our field and this organization offers something for everyone.

The web of mentorship is ever-expanding. Your mentor probably has a mentor who has a mentor and a mentee, and so on and so forth. As our careers progress over the years of assisting students and families through this challenging transition from secondary school to university, it can become routine. A good mentor is someone to check-in with, reset, recharge, and rediscover enthusiasm for what we do. Whether you are just starting to find your place in this profession or you have worked in one area of the field for many years and are now transitioning to a an entirely new aspect of our work- a mentor will be the constant through this all.

As our profession grows and evolves, so do the complexities, challenges, and opportunities. From a simple human standpoint, the ability to connect and support one another is what will fuel the important work we do for the next generation of graduates.

**Congratulations to the Mentor Year Program for another successful year,**  
**Joe Giacalone**

**International Association of College Admission Counseling**

- Don't forget to check out your April 26th Conference Update #5 -- lots of new and helpful info re: Miami 2023, and May 18th IACAC email as well.
- Submit your Chatter That Matters topic for conference today - [info here](#)
- Want to donate to the Conference Raffle? [Register here](#)



## **MENTOR/MENTEE SPOTLIGHT: A Conversation With Mentor - San Lee, University of California Davis (USA) and Mentee, Eric Gendron, Bishop's University (Canada)**

**Q: What are some of the reflections and highlights of the MYP program from the last year?**

**Eric:** Participating in the MYP has been both professionally and personally rewarding on a multitude of levels. As a newer addition to the world of higher education, having the ability to participate in a program like this offers immense value and I'm excited that this is just the beginning!

Through fostering my connection with my mentor, San, I've been able to grow my skillset and the ways in which I approach situations across the postsecondary landscape. Further, it's allowed me to find even greater confidence, as it's shown me that I can prosper within this profession and network with senior individuals from around the world. Our conversations have assisted in proving to myself that I have limitless potential for the future of my career.

I'd say one of the biggest highlights for me was coming to the realization that no matter geographic location, institution, role, or market, we all face very similar hurdles within higher education. We all want to be able to feel a sense of accomplishment within our own personal careers, we all want to be better advocates for the numerous possibilities available to youth, and at the end of the day, we all want to better assist students in bettering their future. **-Eric Gendron, Bishop's University**

**San:** It is refreshing to meet someone like Eric that is relatively newer to the profession yet so committed to it – it is also a reminder to myself that sometimes all it takes is to take a step back to set goals and reflect. Being part of the MYP has given me the chance to reflect, grow and focus on my strengths professionally and being able to get to know Eric and share insights and thoughts was a highlight. I believe that our mentor/mentee relationship goes both ways.

I look forward to finally meeting Eric in person at the International ACAC Conference in Miami this summer. Thank you for having me! **-San Lee, UC Davis**

