

## Alumni mentoring network gives students a helping hand

Are you an SUU alumnus who would like to give back to your University without digging into your pocket? Well, there is a new and wonderful way to do this! Become an Alumni Mentor through SUU's Alumni Mentoring Network (AMN)—an opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with SUU students who are about to embark into the “real world.” Through the Alumni Mentoring Network, you can exchange contacts and resources with students and other alums online. Any personal information is fully protected.

The Alumni Relations office, in collaboration with the Career Services office and the SUU Student Association, has developed

It's a program that gives students critical advisement they can best get from their fellow SUU Alumni who have been or are out in the working world. **Carl Templin**, Dean of the School of Business, is enthusiastic about the program, confident his students will benefit from it. “This Mentoring Network will provide a better link between students and alumni in a variety of ways because students can establish contact with professionals in their area of study,” Dean Templin comments. “A dialogue will be created that will provide students information in areas of specialization, like where to look for housing in a particular area; job markets in a specified location; and other economic and social factors that will assist students in making decisions regarding their careers.”

Charlie Jackson, a member of the National Alumni Board of Directors, and a participant in a similar program within his profession, states, “An Alumni Mentoring Network will be a very positive experience for both the students and alumni. And the really great thing is that the mentors can determine just how much time they can spend. In my personal experience, it has been very enjoyable and quite fun.”

The Mentoring Network is an idea that was a focal point of Past-SUUSA President **Kaydee Weaver's** platform and administration. “Through the use of the Network, students can use the knowledge of those who are already in their chosen careers; they become a great source of information for our graduates and students.”

Students will find that alumni are very willing to answer other pertinent questions for students,



such as, “If you had it to do over again, would you do things differently or the same?” Or, “What are the advantages or disadvantages if I remain in a particular major?”

The Alumni Relations and Career Services offices are moving steadily toward their short term goal of signing up 500 alumni mentors on the Network. They're just waiting for you!

It's easy to become part of the SUU Alumni Mentoring Network. Just go to the University website at [www.suu.edu](http://www.suu.edu). On the homepage, click on “Alumni & Friends” and then click on the “Mentoring Network” link.

Once registered with a unique username and password, alumni mentors can always return to this same site to update their information or add a paragraph or two about their own personal graduation and job experiences.

Visit the SUU Alumni Mentoring Network online soon, or if you have questions and wish to speak with someone, call Alumni Relations at 435-586-7777 or, Career Services at 435-865-8035.

a network that will connect students with SUU alumni, as far as the internet reaches.

“We are inviting the alumni of SUU to take a T-Bird under their wing,” **Marlo Jensen**, Director of Alumni Relations, explains, “by offering their time to mentor, advise or visit with students online about such issues as, career choices and decisions relevant to a given major, and employment opportunities within a major or college.”