MENTOR PROGRAM
A mutually beneficial relationship between alumni and MSW students!

THE BUILDING BLOCKS TO BEING A SUCCESSFUL MENTOR

MENTOR
Take on a variety of roles like COACH, SPONSOR, GUIDE, ROLE MODEL, and TEACHER

- Offer guidance, advice, support, and information
- Demonstrate social work engagement skills

EMPOWER & CELEBRATE mentees by highlighting gifts, strengths, & potential

90% of mentors & 84% of mentees believe the UBSSW Mentoring Program has great potential to strengthen the relationship between the school and the social work community

Nearly 70% of mentees engage in informal conversations and meetings with their mentors

MENTEE
The top 3 BENEFITS: professional networking, life skills, and learning social work perspectives

- Needs a space to THINK, REFLECT, LEARN, GROW, and BE THEMSELVES
- Learns by example
- May feel unsure or nervous at the start...

Invest in the initial engagement: reach out, be approachable, offer choice

Build a trustworthy, collaborative, safe, and open relationship

Make a plan and re-visit it regularly

Be Curious About Motivation: What led you to social work? What is your best hope for our relationship?