

UWO grads invited to serve as USP alumni mentors

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University of Wisconsin Oshkosh graduates are invited to make a lasting impact on the lives of current students by serving as University Studies Program alumni mentors, beginning in fall 2014.

As part of the recent transformation of UW Oshkosh's general education curriculum, students will connect with a peer mentor during their first year and a USP alumni mentor during their second year on campus.

"This is an unprecedented opportunity for UW Oshkosh alumni to put their Titan pride into action and give back to their alma mater in a most meaningful and impactful way," said UWO Alumni Director Christine Gantner.

An estimated 70 to 80 UWO alumni will be needed to serve as mentors.

While students complete a community experience as part of their sophomore Quest III course, they will be assigned a USP alumni mentor who will learn and serve side-by-side with them.

"USP alumni mentors will serve as role models, demonstrating civic engagement as they volunteer," explained USP Director Lori Carrell. "We are delighted that UW Oshkosh alumni are interested in giving back to UW Oshkosh, to current students and to the community."

Many of the community experiences—ranging from collecting soil samples to interviewing farmers for an oral history project or assisting with a financial literacy workshop at the Boys and Girls Club—will take place within 30 miles of the UWO campus. Other experiences may occur on weekends or during a concentrated time frame, such as spring break, allowing alumni who live further away to take part as well.

An informational session to learn more about the details of becoming a USP alumni mentor will be held at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom, as part of the 2013 Provost's Teaching and Learning Summit: Global Perspectives.

Prior to the informational session, alumni are invited to attend a 5 p.m. opening summit reception in the Reeve Ballroom hosted by Provost Lane Earns. A keynote address will be presented by Kevin Hovland, senior director of Global Learning and Curricular Change with the American Association of Colleges and Universities.

Please send an email to cetl@uwosh.edu to sign up for the informational session and/or the opening reception by Oct. 16.

In addition, an online interest form is available in the Alumni Mentors section of the [USP website](#). The priority date to express your interest in serving during the fall 2014 semester is Dec. 13.

Mentors will be matched with community experiences/Quest III courses in January 2014, with mentor training to follow in spring 2014 in time to begin serving during the 2014-2015 academic year. Questions may be directed to Mike Lueder, USP community experience coordinator, at luederm@uwosh.edu or (920) 424-1269.

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