2022 MEIA Emerging Issues *Cleantech Conference*

Mentor for a Day Program - Mentors

HOW TO SIGN UP AS A MENTOR

When registering for the Emerging Issues Cleantech conference, select "**Are you interested in participating in our Mentor for a Day program as a mentor?**" and enter your field of work. You will be paired ahead of the conference with a student studying in your field who would like to be mentored.

AT THE CONFERENCE

Meet your mentee at the Student Chapter booth in the Tradeshow Area. If you have difficulty locating each other, there will be MEIA staff and Student Chapter volunteers to help link you up.

WHAT TO EXPECT

It is not necessary to spend the whole day together, but you are encouraged to sit with your mentee for breakfast and/or lunch. Introduce them to people at the table and other people you know at the conference. Encourage their participation in the conversation by asking for their opinion on a topic being discussed or asking a question about themselves. If there is more to talk about then the day allows, you can set up a coffee meet up following the conference.

Please fill out our feedback form following the event to let us know what to keep the same and how to improve for future conferences.

TO HELP YOU PREPARE - QUESTIONS STUDENTS MIGHT ASK

- How did you begin your career?
- How do most people get into this field? What are common entry-level jobs?
- What steps would you recommend I take to prepare to enter this field?
- How relevant is your undergraduate major to your work?
- What kind of education, training, or background does your job require?
- What current issues and trends in the field should I know about/be aware of?
- What kinds of accomplishments tend to be valued and rewarded in this field?

- What skills, abilities, and personal attributes are essential to success in your job/this field?
- Can you recommend trade journals, magazines or professional associations which would be helpful for my professional development?
- If you could do it all over again, would you choose the same path for yourself? If not, what would you change?
- What advice would you give someone who is considering this type of job (or field)?
- Can you suggest anyone else I could contact for additional information?
- What are your main responsibilities as a…?
- What is a typical day (or week) like for you?
- What do you like most about your work?
- What do you like least about your work?
- What kinds of problems do you deal with?
- What kinds of decisions do you make?