The Alumni-Students Mentorship program celebrated another successful year of mentoring partnerships with a lively closing reception, attended by student mentees and alumni mentors. Forty-eight pairs participated in the program, which has just concluded its 4th year.

The program offers one to one mentoring as an avenue for professional development for third and fourth year Woodsworth College students, as well as to students in the College affiliated programs: Criminology & Sociolegal Studies and Employment Relations.

For alumni it’s a great way to stay connected with Woodsworth and give back to the student community. Mentors gain the satisfaction of knowing they are helping students understand the unfamiliar and often daunting world they will face after graduation. Many go above and beyond the minimum of three face to face meetings by arranging more in-depth experiences for their mentees.

For example, Woodsworth alumna and mentor Maria Luisa Farol, who is a probation and parole officer, arranged a tour for her mentee, at the Center for Forensic Sciences as well as a visit to the John Howard Society Reintegration Centre.

These types of opportunities are invaluable for our students and the College is truly grateful to all its alumni mentors for their commitment to the program.

If you would like to become involved in this rewarding program, please email: stephanie.woodside@utoronto.ca
A Message from Principal Joe Desloges

Woodsworth College is made stronger through the work and presence of many volunteers. Whether these are our alumni mentors, who are providing students with invaluable support as they consider career options, or the past and present members of our alumni association board, who are dedicated to ensuring our alumni stay connected to us, all of these volunteers have contributed to support the College’s mission and form part of the fabric of our community. Moreover, students are learning the value of volunteerism and we hope that they will also contribute once they graduate.

Whether it’s the Alumni Café series, the Backpack to Briefcase program, or the Alumni – Student Mentorship Program, all these efforts rely on the dedication and loyalty of our volunteers, and for that we are very grateful and say thank you.

You could join the ranks of Woodsworth volunteers. Please contact Stephanie Woodside (stephanie.woodsie@utoronto.ca) to find more about the different ways in which you could make a difference and support the college.

Many alumni will make it back to campus for Spring Reunion, and I hope to meet some of you at our College event on Thursday, June 1st.

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NOVERA’S EDUCATION GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

Thanks to Annual Fund donors, Novera Hasan Khan (BA 2017 WDW) is a full-time student and president of the Woodsworth College Students’ Association. Donate today and help leaders like Novera make a difference in and out of the classroom.

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recipients of the award, joined Barbara for a photo to commemorate the evening. The college is very pleased to be able to share the stories behind many of its awards.

The evening was capped off with the presentation of the annual Brookfield Peter F. Bronfman Gold and Leadership Scholarships by Lynda Hamilton and Alan Dean. The gold award, with a value of $12,000, was awarded to Julie Blair. Leadership awards, with a value of $6,000 each, were awarded to Madison Frost, Kwasi Hoffman, Zachary Jones, Jacquelyn Laurenda and Valenya Mordvinova. The awards recognize high academic achievement, contributions to their communities and overcoming personal challenges.

It was a memorable evening of celebration and recognition of student success.

Calendar of Events

MAY-JUNE

Mark your calendars for U of T’s Annual Spring Reunion events:

May 31 – June 4, 2017

JUNE

AAWC AGM & RECEPTION

Join fellow alumni as we celebrate alumni & student achievements at the AGM followed by a cocktail reception.

Please note that the slate of alumni association officers will be presented during the business portion of the AGM. For up to date information on the 2017/18 slate of officers please visit www.wdw.utoronto.ca

When: Thursday, June 1, 2017
Where: Kruger Hall Commons
Time: Meeting at 6 p.m. - Reception at 7 p.m.
Cost: FREE/All Welcome
Register: events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca

SPRING CONVOCATION

When: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Where: Convocation Hall
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Reception: Peter F. Bronfman Courtyard
By invitation only
The ceremony will be streamed in Kruger Hall Commons for those who are not able to attend the ceremony in the Convocation Hall.

Congratulations all!
Alumni Café: the popular Alumni Café series presented: Will the Trump’s presidency exhibit Canada’s “greatness”? Are there similar undercurrents in Canada to indicate a political change is coming?

An expert panel of academics provided perspective on the context and background that led to the election of Donald Trump and an assessment of whether there are similar indications in Canada. The panel explored the impact the Trump presidency will have on Canadian values and a variety of policy areas including: environment, energy, healthcare and women’s rights. The expert speakers, all U of T Faculty were: Dr. Matthew Hoffman, Dr. Raisa Deber, Dr. Matthew Feinberg, and Dr. Brenda Cosman. The panel was well received and certainly gave participants much food for thought. A reception followed where much discussion ensued.

Black History Month:
The College was very pleased to host the Annual Division of University Advancement’s Black History Month lunch. This year’s featured speaker was Mark Saunders, Toronto’s Chef of Police. With food prepared by colleagues and lively music, the event is always a joyful and well attended. This year was no different.

B2B – Backpack to Briefcase – Speed Networking Event:
The College was proud to once again host this popular networking event for students and alumni of the Criminology & Sociolegal studies program. Students had the opportunity to speak with professionals working in a variety of fields. Over a series of 10-minute conversations with alumni, students were able to broaden their connections and increase their exposure to career options as they moved from table to table.

Summer Study Abroad:
Starting with a handful of courses in Siena, Italy in 1972, Woodsworth’s Summer Abroad program has grown to become the largest course-based study abroad program in Canada; this summer there are over 40 courses for students to choose from held in 17 different locations around the world.

The Summer Abroad office is currently reviewing applications and is looking forward to welcoming close to 1,000 students to participate in their programs. Students will have the opportunity to earn a full-year credit in three to six weeks by pairing classroom study with hands-on engagement in activities ranging from biological fieldwork in the Ecuadorian rain forest to gaining a deeper understanding of the complexities of Chinese politics, economy, culture and society in Beijing and Tianjin.

New for 2017 is a program based in Maynooth, Ireland, where students take a third year history course “From Famine to Freedom: Irish History in an International Context” exploring Irish history from 1798 to the present within the context of Irish migration and settlement across the globe.

Networking How-To Event
Woodsworth College alumnus Chris Murumets offered up space in the offices of his company Logiq3 for a networking how-to session with networking guru Bobby Umar. The event was open to Woodsworth students and alumni mentors. Bobby delivered a highly interactive session on networking mastery, and attendees were able to practice specific skills and learn strategies and tactics to maximize relationship building. He also gave some pointers on how to build online connections, specifically on LinkedIn.