

### **Mentorship Program Kickoff**

**New to In-house Affinity Group** 

#### **Agenda**

- 1. Defining Mentoring
- 2. Phases of the Mentorship Program
- 3. Mentoring Foundations
  - a. Social Identity Map
  - b. Current State Evaluation
  - c. Define Goals
  - d. Establish Action Plan



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Defining
Mentoring

#### Difference Between Sponsorship, Mentorship & Coaching



#### **MENTOR**

Someone who formally or informally helps a Mentee navigate his/her career and provides guidance on career choices and decisions.

#### **SPONSOR**

Someone who uses his/her influence to help an individual obtain high-visibility assignments, promotions, or jobs.

#### **COACH**

Someone who provides guidance for another's development, often focused on soft skills (e.g., active listening) rather than technical skills (e.g., financial acumen).



#### Pillars of a Successful Mentee

- Take time to think through your goals and aspirations
  - Setting realistic skill-driven goals
  - Focus on discreet targeted areas rather than trying to boil the ocean
  - Ensure goals are realistic for timeframe
- Be open and entering relationship unguarded
  - Listen, understand and absorb feedback, whether positive or constructive
- Drive your development and avoid "it's-good-for-you" goals
- Manage time with your mentor wisely

Schedule check-ins ahead so they do not "fall off the calendar"

Stay positive and engaged





#### **Being a Successful Mentor**

- Make time for your mentee
- Set a foundation of trust and maintain confidentiality
- Listen intently
  - understand the goals and aspirations of your mentee to be able to provide the best guidance, advice and feedback
  - Do not make any assumptions about your mentee, rather, ask openended questions to gather insight
- Explain your role as a learning facilitator
- Make it personal and share your own experiences
- Challenge your mentee to step outside of his/her comfort zone.

Hold your mentee accountable to accomplish his/her goals.



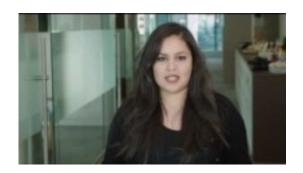
#### **Mentorship Best Practices**

- Set expectations together
  - Determine what you both would like to get out of this relationship (goals) and discuss them collectively
- Talk through your calendars and set up future dates to meet
  - Planning in advance helps keeping you both accountable.
  - Discuss where to meet and how frequently you want to get together.
- Communicate
  - Building honesty and trust is essential to a successful relationship.
  - Make sure you both try to understand your different perspectives. Ask questions or clear up any misunderstandings.





### **Why Mentoring Matters**



71% of major companies know that people with mentors do better at work



#### **Positive Impacts of Mentorship**



#### MENTEE

- Increase visibility within the professional community
- Develop skills that support advancement and career growth
- Prepare for complexities of new roles and assignments
- Help overcome the "double bind"



#### **MENTOR**

- Shape next generation of leaders
- Expand leadership competencies
- Increase personal and professional satisfaction
- Boost organizational commitment
- Gain valuable insights, learning, and feedback
- Broaden network and access to information



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### **Types of Mentoring Relationships**





#### Mentoring in a Virtual World

- Make things informal and incorporate your regular routine
- Share and distribute resources afterward
- Be considerate about timing and schedule
- Be prepared for distractions that may come up
- Experiment with different kinds of communication options
- Use empathy to communicate effectively
- Emphasize connection tools and technology





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# Phases of the Mentorship Program

### **Mentorship Program Phases**

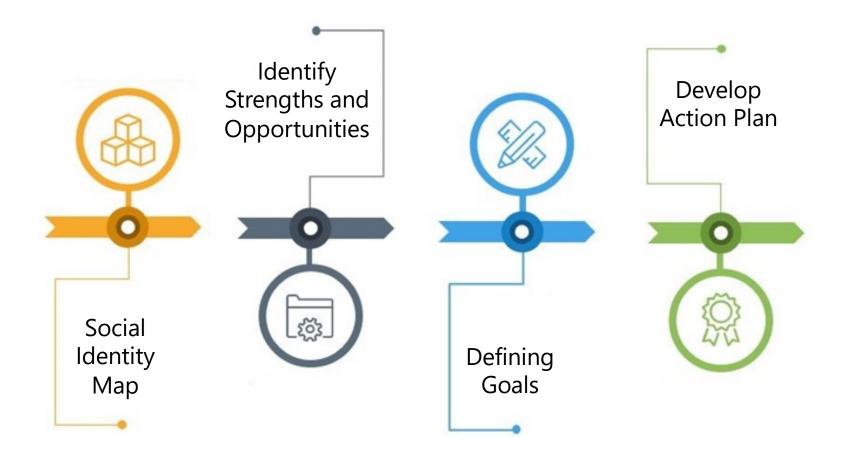




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# **Mentorship Foundations**

#### **Guide to Your First Meeting**





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### Social Identity Map

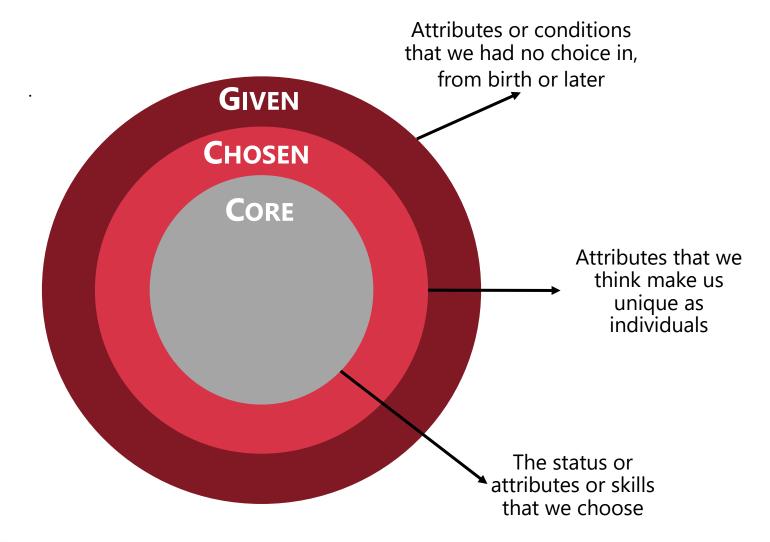
#### **Culture and Social Identity**

- We all have multiple identities
- It's human nature to want to "fit in" as well as to be unique
- Some identities are visible, others are less apparent
- Some identities are accepted, some are taboo
- You continually gain, lose, or change certain aspects of your identity, while others are fixed
- Context affects which identities are most important, helpful, or harmful





#### **Identity Layers**





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# **Evaluate Current State**

#### **Evaluate Current State**

- Review Mentee's Intake Questionnaire that will include:
  - Educational and professional background
  - Professional highlights
  - Identification of strengths and areas of development
- Establish expectations for the program
- Share hobbies/interests outside of work





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### **Define Goals**

#### **Goal Expectations**

- Define short-term goals (to be achieved within 1-2 years) and long-term goals (to be reached within 2-5 years)
  - Goals should be narrow and well defined
  - The short-term goals should support and be aligned with long-term goals
  - Short-term goals should be skilled focus (rather than outcome focused)
- Decide whether to focus on one goal at a time or to advance work on multiple goals simultaneously





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# **Establish Action Plan**

#### **Phases of Development**

#### **Define Goals**





Plan & Discover

- 1. GOAL IDENTIFICATION PHASE: Establishing goals to reach your career aspiration focusing on skills.
- 2. DISCOVERY PHASE: Identifying knowledge gaps and what needs to be learned to achieve the identified goals.
- 3. LEARNING PHASE: Fill the knowledge gaps via i) individual learning, (ii) peer learning, and / or (iii) facilitated learning
- 4. SHOWCASING PHASE: Seeking opportunities to showcase newly acquired skills.
- 5. EVALUATION PHASE: Reflecting on lessons and knowledge learned.

**Share Knowledge** 

Learn Skills



#### **Goal Action Plans**

DEFINING GOALS	
Short Term Goals (to be achieved within 1-2 years)	2
Long-Term Goals (to be achieved within 2-5 years)	

GOAL ACTION PLANS [Enter Goal Identified Above]		
Phase	Defined Actions	
Discovery		
Individual Learning		
Peer Learning		
Facilitated Group Learning		
Showcasing		
Evaluation		





### **Mentorship Program Kickoff**

#### **New to In-house Committee**

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