MISSION
The mission of the Faculty Mentor Program is to encourage faculty-student interaction outside the classroom through mentoring relationships that improve academic achievement, increase student retention rates, and improve the graduation rates of educationally disadvantaged students.

OVERVIEW
Established in 1987, The Faculty Mentor Program is a faculty-administered program that promotes faculty-student interaction through mentoring relationships. A unique and comprehensive training program that provides faculty with tools to promote interactions outside the classroom; such interactions have been shown to have a positive impact on students and faculty alike.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
The Faculty Mentor Program is open to fully enrolled CSU Stanislaus students. The program targets first generation college attendees, and economically, or environmentally disadvantaged students. Since FMP’s inception in spring 1987, a total of 1,278 protégés have participated in FMP. Of those students, 573 protégés have graduated from CSU Stanislaus, and 229 protégés are current CSU Stanislaus students working towards graduation.

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Training engenders personal growth for faculty members and instills the skills necessary to mentor personal growth and development of protégés. Faculty growth and development of skills continue through the mentoring relationship, participation in protégés’ activities and ongoing mentor training.

In order to become Faculty Mentors and be assigned Protégé’s, interested faculty must first complete the designated training program that fosters sensitivity and awareness of the needs of our diverse student and faculty populations.

Training workshops consist of some of the following topics:
- History, background, and structure of the CSU Stanislaus Faculty Mentor Program
- CSU Stanislaus resources
- Individual interpersonal communication skills in preparation for mentoring students
- Effective interaction with protégés in a structured setting
- Contemporary issues of significance for veteran mentors

Events:
The Faculty Mentor Program hosts a number of fun and innovative events that encourage out-of-classroom contact between CSU Stanislaus faculty and students, including:
- Awards/Graduation Celebrations
- Career Conferences
- Cultural Celebrations
- Retreats/Mini-Retreats
- Monthly Mentor Protégé Meetings
- Mentor Training Orientations
- Mentor Meetings
- Outdoor Events
- And much, much more!