

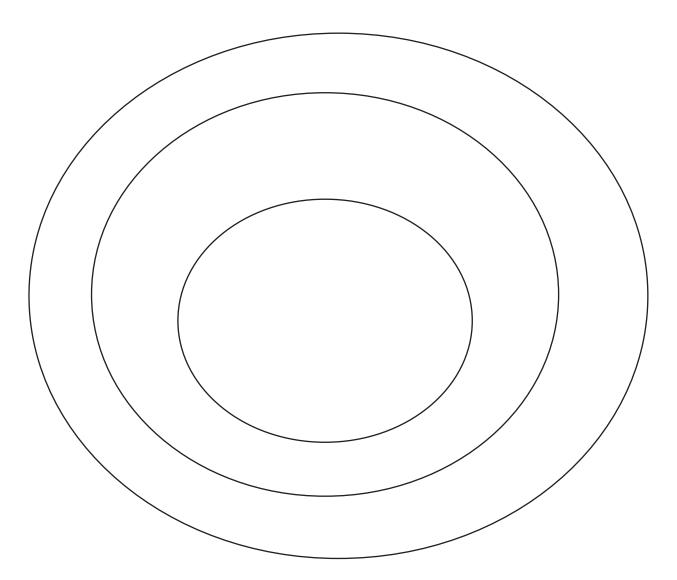
Inclusive Mentoring

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Circles of Networks



Why Mentoring Matters



What predicts happiness after graduation...



The graduate recalled having...

A Professor who cared about them as a person,

Made them excited about learning,

Encouraged them to pursue their dreams

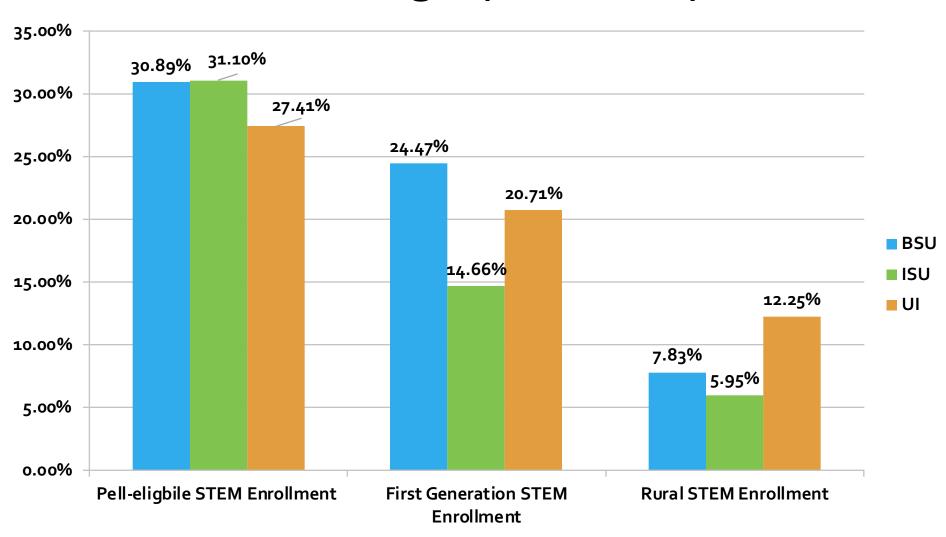
Only 22% of college graduates report having a mentor



Idaho Students

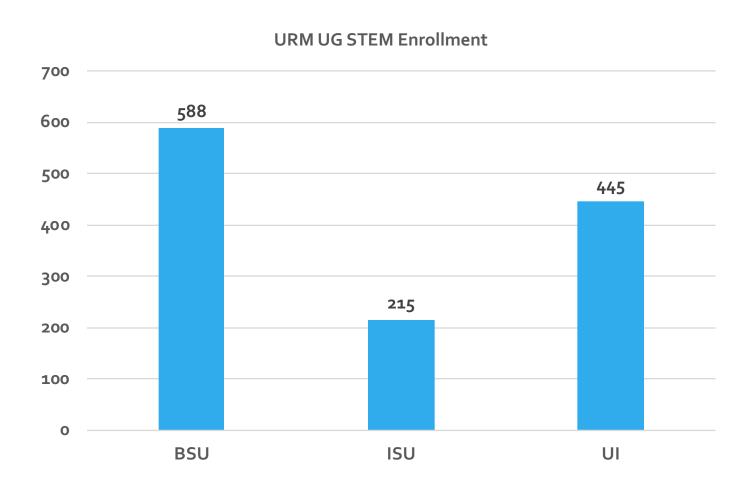
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Fall 2016 Demographic Comparison

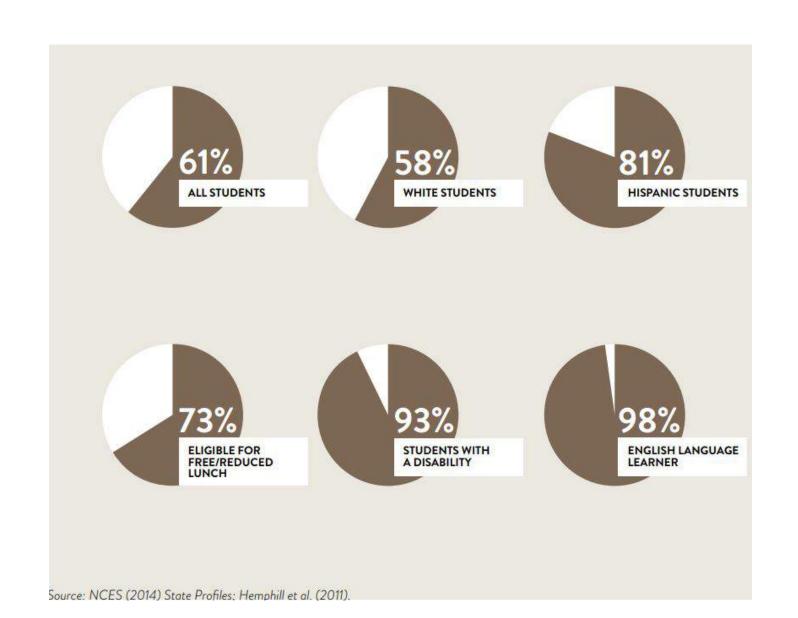


Fewer than one in five rural adults aged 25 and older have college degrees, says the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service.

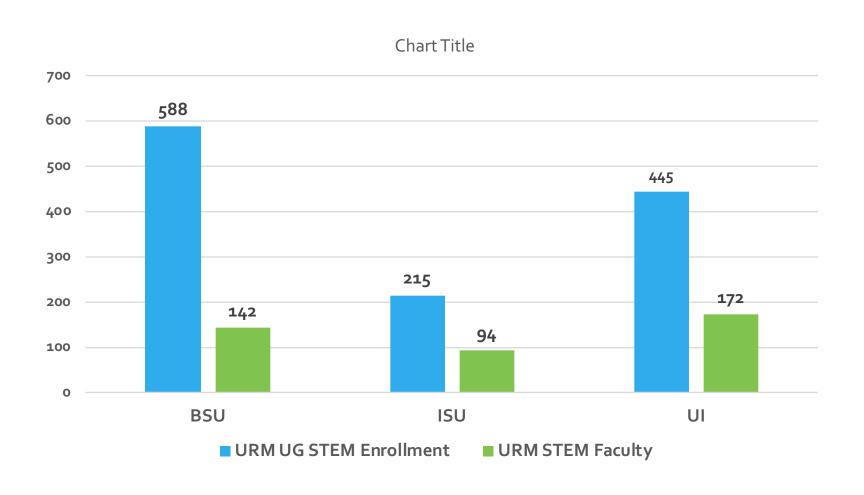
Fall 2016 Underrepresented Minority Enrollment



Students Below NAEP's Proficient Level: 8th Grade Reading



STEM Student & Faculty Comparison



Mentoring and Student Success



- More likely to return for sophomore year, (Johnson, 2016).
- More likely to persist until graduation, (Ferrer de Valero, 2005).
- Predicts higher GPAs, (Johnson, 2016).
- Dissertation success & timely degree completion among graduate students, (NASEM, 2018).
- Mentoring for URM students is particularly beneficial.





Mentoring Across Cultures

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Challenges to Interracial Mentoring

Negative affect

 Unpleasant subjective feelings or mood

Low Rapport

 Degree of interconnectedness and closeness with another person

Effects of Negative Affect

Mentees

- Stereotype Threat
- Excessive Self Focus
- Underperformance

Mentors

- Concerns of Racist Accusations
- Excessive Self Focus
- Poor Mentorship

Effects of Low Rapport

Mentees

"who feel low rapport with their mentors may avoid seeking constructive feedback from their mentor, and in turn, show lower performance."

Effects of Low Rapport

Mentors

"who feel low rapport with their mentees may likewise feel less committed to providing constructive, helpful feedback to their mentee."

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Effects of Mutual Self Disclosure

Self Disclosure

"the sharing of personal information (e.g., experiences, fears, goals) with another individual."



RESEARCH ARTICLE

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As such, it is important to understand how to maximize the potential benefits of mentoring relationships. This is particularly so within interracial mentoring contexts, given research showing that mentorship quality is poorer in interracial vs. same-race mentoring relationships [8, 9]. Furthermore, as a function of their under-representation in the professoriate as well as management [10,11], racial minorities (heretofore "minorities") may frequently receive

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Hypothesis:

In interracial mentoring relationships, decreasing negative affect and increasing rapport (through mutual self disclosure) would improve mentee performance and mentor feedback.







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Results

Across three experiments, the use of self disclosure to decrease negative affect and increase rapport predicted better performance for mentees and warmer and more helpful feedback for mentors.

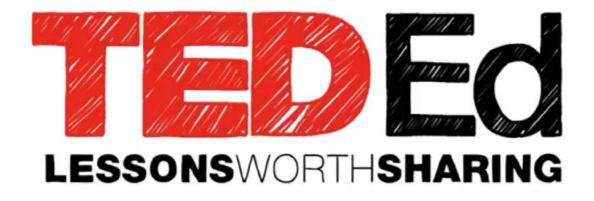


Privilege For Sale

• Please look at the following list of privileges. Each privilege costs \$100 to purchase. As a group, please purchase as many privileges as your money allows.

What Good Mentors Do

- 1. Be accessible
- 2. Offer encouragement
- Challenge your mentee to do or experience things they might not do otherwise
- 4. Provide positive affirmation
- 5. Provide professional wisdom & insight
- 6. Deliver feedback (positive and less positive)
- 7. Create a mentoring network



Intercultural Competence

- Positive cultural orientation
- Tolerance for ambiguity
- Cross-cultural self-efficacy
- Self-awareness
- · Social monitoring
- · Perspective taking/suspending judgment
- · Cultural knowledge application
- · Behavior regulation
- Emotion regulation