



Welcome to BJPConnects!

Mission Statement: BJPConnects is a volunteer program that seeks to engage BJP alumni through professional mentorship. In this program, alumni will develop their own networks and hone career skills through meaningful seminars, activities, and one-on-one conversations. Mentors will further BJP's mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education by giving career advice, teaching professional skills, and helping BJP alumni build up their professional networks.

How it Works:

- Once per quarter, the entire group will meet for an event.
- Mentors & mentees are checking in one-on-one periodically, with questions, discussion topics, or activities provided by the BJPConnects team.
- Mentors will also meet with the BJPConnects team prior to sessions for prep.
- External presenters, volunteers, and other professionals may get involved in sessions, provide opportunities for networking.
- Page on BJP Website with information and resources available to alumni and mentors.

Expectations for Mentors:

- Consult BJPConnects resources in anticipation of events
- Attendance & participation at events.
- Consistent communication with mentee. Additional hanging out welcome!
- Willingness to take lead during breakout sessions.
- Volunteer to share/participate in group discussions
- Introduce mentee to professionals in your network as appropriate

Expectations for Mentees:

- Mentees will attend and participate in events.
- Responsible for working out communication schedule with mentor & checking in.

Homework for First Session:

Reach out to your mentee and say hi! Let them know how excited you are to meet them.