

July 10, 2019

Dear Returning and Prospective Puente Mentors:

We are excited to prepare for our 32nd year of the Puente Project at Gavilan College. This upcoming year also coincides with the 38th anniversary of this award winning program statewide. Puente is successful because of the integration of counseling, writing, and mentoring. Your role as a mentor is invaluable to the growth and development of Puente scholars.

Your support of Puente and its mission is critical to our success. As role models of success, your personal and professional struggles and achievements provide Puente students critical opportunities to assess their life and career choices. Being a mentor is not easy, yet it is one of the most rewarding experiences. There is a commitment of 20 hours spread over the academic year, which includes trainings, program sponsored gatherings, and individual contact with mentees.

If you are a prospective mentor and would like to know more about this opportunity and its commitments, we will host a Mentor training on **Saturday, September 28th 2019** at the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus in the North/South Lounge. Please mark your calendars. Returning mentors are required to attend the training as well, so we can build “familia” among all the mentors.

Also, we will host the Mentor/Mentee Mixer on October 24, 2019, at the Gavilan College Gilroy Campus. Please mark your calendars. This is where the Mentors will engage with their Mentees for the first time.

We hope that you will consider being a mentor for this upcoming academic year. Please fill-out the attached commitment form and return it either by e-mail (lmontero@gavilan.edu) or in person by Friday, September 20, 2019. Please forward this letter to others you feel may be a good mentor for our program.

Sincerely,

Liliana Montero

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<http://www.gavilan.edu/student/puente/>

<http://puente.berkeley.edu/community-college-programs>



2019-2020 Puente Project Mentor Information Sheet

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name:		Contact Number: ()
Email:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Employer's Name:		
Work Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Work Phone: ()	Fax Number: ()	
E-mail Address:		
Current Career Title:		
Major Duties:		
Hobbies & Interests:		
Education (Please highlight all that apply)		University/College
Certificate/AA/AS	Area:	From:
B.A./B.S.	Major:	From:
M.A./M.S./P.A.	Major:	From:
Ph.D.	Area:	From:
Professional Degree	Area:	From:
Tell us about an important mentor or role model in your life.		
If you have worked with community college students, please describe your experience(s):		
What type of student were you? Did you attend community college? What obstacles did you overcome as a student?		

Are you affiliated with any community, civic, or professional associates? Which ones?				
Describe your interest in mentoring a Puente Community College Student:				
Do you speak Spanish?	No	Yes	If so, fluently	Limited
If so, please explain:				

Mentor Agreement

If I am matched with a Puente student, I agree to (please read and initial):

1. Commit to mentor a student for **1 academic year** (2 semesters). _____
2. Meet with student(s) for **at least 20 hours over** the academic year (10 hours per semester). _____
3. Take the lead and **call** my student(s) at least **once a month** to help maintain contact. _____
4. Help my student with **mentor related classroom assignments**. _____
5. **Create** academic, social and cultural or career goals with your mentee _____
6. **Acquaint** my student with **my** educational and career background and professional expertise. _____
7. Serve as a **positive role model** and encourage the achievement of higher education. _____
8. **Support** my fellow mentors by sharing my mentor expertise. _____
9. **Participate in mentor related activities**. _____
10. **Respect** my mentee’s own process and pace toward achieving their educational goals _____

Be a Friend!

Thank you for being a Puente Mentor!

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Recruited by: _____