



**Undeclared General Peer Mentor  
Program Info & Application  
2025 - 2026**

# About the Program

The Undeclared General program was established in 2020 to better support students who needed additional guidance to decide on a major. The program gave those students an "academic home," allowing them to explore degree programs across different schools and departments. The Undeclared Mentor Program soon followed in fall 2021.

The Mentors are former/current Undeclared General students who are eager to support their peers who are new to campus. The Mentors play a huge role in the Undeclared General orientation course, completed by new first year students during their first semester. Within this course, the Mentors help our newest students become acclimated to college life at TCNJ. They provide academic and personal support throughout the fall semester by answering questions, offering guidance, and referring students to campus resources.

Mentors will be playing an even larger role in the Undeclared General program moving forward. Our Mentors are encouraged to share ideas and provide feedback so that the program is constantly evolving to best suit our students' needs.



**THE COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**  
UNDECLARED GENERAL



**Help facilitate the IDS 98  
(Undeclared Orientation  
Seminar) course**

**Support personal and  
professional development  
by encouraging  
co-curricular engagement  
and communication with  
faculty and staff across  
campus**

**Provide individual and  
group mentoring to  
support new students  
with their transition to  
college life at TCNJ**

**Help with new student  
recruitment for the  
Undeclared General  
program**

**Strengthen community  
within the Undeclared  
General program by  
helping new students feel  
welcomed in class and on  
campus**

**Support one another  
through team building  
and leadership  
development!**

# **Role of the Mentors**

# Are you...

- **Empathetic:** Take a genuine interest in others
- **Inclusive:** Aim to create an environment built on a strong sense of community and belonging
- **Collaborative:** Engage with other mentors to accomplish goals and better the program
- **Self-aware:** Understand your own strengths and are eager to improve upon other areas/skills
- **Reliable:** Show up on time and ready to go! Comfortable getting out of your comfort zone and encouraging others to do the same
- **Enthusiastic:** ...even on a Wednesday morning ;)
- **Full of TCNJ pride:** Are eager to help your fellow Lions become a part of the TCNJ community



... then consider applying!

# How will being a Mentor benefit YOU?

Not only does this program focus on supporting incoming new students, it also aims to provide personal and professional development to the mentors.

Mentors will gain/sharpen skills in:

- Self-reflection
- Active listening/mentoring
- Leadership and teamwork
- Interpersonal communication
- Public speaking
- Time management
- Networking

And make new friends!



# Mentor Eligibility

- **Must have completed at least ONE full semester at TCNJ.**
- **Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.**
- **Must be a current/former Undeclared General student.**
- **Must be available for all mandatory meetings:**
  - **Interviews (Wednesday, April 23rd, 10 am - 11 am and/or 11 am - 12 pm)**
  - **Kick-Off Meeting (Wednesday, May 7th, 11 am - 12 pm)**
  - **Training (Wednesday, August 27th, 9 am - 12 pm)**
  - **Weekly Mentor meetings throughout the fall semester (Tuesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm)**
  - **During IDS 98 class times (Wednesdays, 9 - 10 am and/or 10 - 11 am and/or 11 am - 12 pm)**
- **Must be really enthusiastic about being a part of the program!**

## Save the below dates/times!

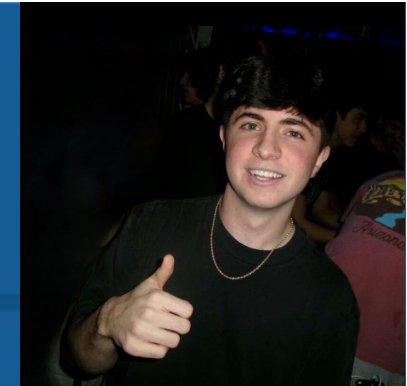
If you are selected to be a Mentor, the below meetings are mandatory.

- **Application Window: March 5th - March 28th (11:59 pm)**
- **Week of April 15th: Notification of Next Steps**
- **Interviews (by invitation): Wednesday, April 23rd, 10 am - 12 pm**
- **Kick-Off Meeting: Wednesday, May 7th, 11 am - 12 pm**
- **Summer Outreach to New Students: Mid-August**
- **Training: Wednesday, August 27th, 9 am - 12 pm**
- **Weekly Mentor Meetings: Every Tuesday, 12:30 - 1:30 pm throughout the fall semester**
- **IDS 98 Class Sessions: Wednesdays, 9 - 10 am, 10 - 11 am, 11 am - 12 pm**
  - **You will be assigned to ONE section**
- **End of the Semester Party/Honor Cords Distribution: TBD**

# Current Mentors for 2024 - 2025



Molly Nirschl '25



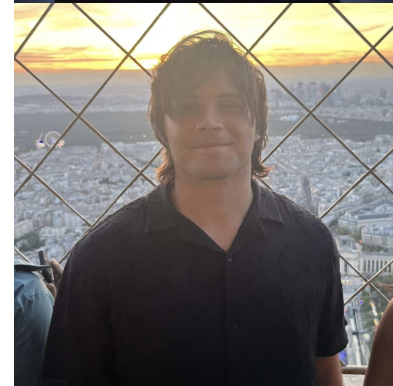
Kyle Levy '25



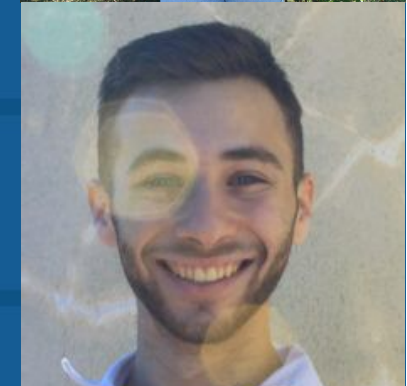
Sam Igval '27



Corey Fishman '27



Joelyna Duarte '27



Ella Malatesta '26



Conner Sheridan '27



Mary Elton '26





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If you have any questions regarding the application process, please reach out to our Recruitment Chair Sam Igval ([igvals1@tcnj.edu](mailto:igvals1@tcnj.edu)).