

Bobcat Mentoring

The Bobcat Mentoring Circles are a form of career development mentoring. People from the Bozeman community will share their experiences and wisdom specific to career development in a small group format. It will be interactive, allowing you to engage and ask questions. Topics will range from how mentoring has significantly impacted them and why you should have mentors in your life, to choices that have shifted their career (both small and big), to professional development. We highly encourage you to step into this opportunity and engage with amazing resources that are graciously offering up their time and experience to walk with you as you develop your career path!

Four mentoring circles will be offered for the 2022-23 academic year.

- Oct 24 – 4pm at the American Indian Hall. Topic: Why mentoring matters.
- Nov 28 – 4pm location American Indian Hall. Topic: Choice architecture (choices made or not made during college and after that impacted their career + Q&A)
- Jan 30 – 4pm location TBD. Topic: Habits that hold you back and can derail your career + Q&A
- Feb 27 – 4pm location TBD. Topic: Professional Development (week of Spring Career Fair) – taking advantage of career development resources, prepping for Career Fair, what has helped them + Q&A.

General information:

- Arrive by 4pm – the mentoring circle will finish by 5pm
- Dinner will be provided at your table
- Ten people from the Bozeman community have offered to lead mentor circles with groups of students. These individuals are in a variety of careers in the Bozeman area, with a wide range of backgrounds for you to learn from.
- You will be assigned to a table with one mentor, and 4-8 students.
- We ask that you arrive on time and are respectful.
- This is an opportunity to learn from someone a season (s) ahead of you. You are not required to prepare for this, but you may think about what you want to gain from someone in the community that has wisdom and experience to share as you are developing your degree and career path.
- During these mentoring circles, if you have any concerns or questions outside of degree and career development, we ask that you refer to your Success Advisor or Program Manager.

Quick bio of Mentors:

- 1) **Carl Nystuen** – Financial Advisor at D.A. Davidson. MT native. MSU graduate and former Bobcat track athlete.
- 2) **Chase Peterson** – CPA at Amatics CPA Group. Born and raised in Plentywood, MT. MSU graduate.
- 3) **Michael Waterman** – Executive Director of Operations for Bozeman Public Schools. Lived in Helena and Lewistown prior to Bozeman. Graduated from Colorado State University and University of Colorado.
- 4) **Mandy Dredge** – Marketing Director for Riverside Country Club. Born and raised in North Dakota, graduated from University of Minnesota Duluth. Has lived in Bozeman since 2005.
- 5) **Jerren Starr** – VP of Finance and Capital in land development at Braxton Development. From Shelby, MT. Carrol College graduate.
- 6) **Lou Saucedo** – Sales Rep at Ressler Motor. MSU grad and Football player. First in family to attend college.
- 7) **Angie Johnson** – Commercial Loan Officer and Assistant Branch Manager at Stockman Bank. Grew up on a farm in Sidney MT. Business major MSU.
- 8) **Cody Clausen** – Human Resources Manager and Sales Manager at Buffalo Restoration. MSU alumni. MT born and raised.
- 9) **Chase Rose** – Principal for Bannum Consulting (non-profit focused consulting firm). 5th generation Montanan. MSU grad. Strong FFA background.
- 10) **Ember Erickson** -Co-Founder & Head of Revenue at Biproxi (Commercial Real Estate). Strong background in Marketing. MSU graduate.