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Wed, Jun 19, 9:33 PM (7 days ago)

to tualumni@utulsa.edu, me

Dear Office of Alumni Engagement,

The email I received from your office today says that in your new mentoring program, "experienced professionals can offer advice and insight on career paths, company culture and industry expectations helpful in shaping student goals for personal growth and career placement."

This strikes me as precisely the *opposite* of how student learning happens at a university: it's not "company culture and industry expectations" that should shape student goals for personal growth and career; rather, it's a college education that should shape the student (as a whole person, not just a future employee), who will in turn shape company culture and industry expectations.

I would like to register my deep concern about the direction TU is taking, as evidenced by the description of your mentoring program above. The education of whole human beings should always come FIRST, and "industry expectations" should never dictate what that looks like.

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Christians, Muslims, and Mary: A History

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From: The University of Tulsa | Office of Alumni Engagement [tualumni@utulsa.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 4:31 PM

To: George-Tvrtkovic, Rita

Subject: Engage, Grow, Succeed | utulsa connect

Network, share ideas and enhance career connections.

[utulsa connect] < https://t.e2ma.net/click/aq2kvb/is9xedd/qect8m>

Dear Rita,

The University of Tulsa Office of Alumni Engagement is launching a new student mentoring program that matches members of the TU community with current students to improve student retention, career placement and create meaningful connections.

The utulsa connect<https://t.e2ma.net/click/aq2kvb/is9xedd/66ct8m program is a professional development resource offered exclusively to TU alumni, friends and students to network, share ideas and wisdom, and enhance career connections. The initiative aligns with TU's Strategic

Plan<<u>https://t.e2ma.net/click/aq2kvb/is9xedd/mzdt8m</u>> to actively engage the TU community in student recruitment and retention. Experienced professionals can offer advice and insight on career paths, company culture and industry expectations helpful in shaping student goals for personal growth and career placement.

Join TU's campus-wide initiative to encourage engagement among alumni, TU friends and students. Sign up at utulsa connecthttps://t.e2ma.net/click/ag2kvb/is9xedd/2ret8m today!

Sincerely, TU Office of Alumni Engagement

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