

# About...

This program connects newer returning women undergraduate students one-on-one with more experienced returning women undergraduate student mentors who strive to provide them with personal, academic, and professional support and guidance.

In addition to building the individual relationships between the mentoring partners, all participants attend a welcome orientation and participate in various workshops and events.

All participants are also encouraged to attend Returning Women's Forum events and other Women's Center programming.



All are welcome as long as they respect women.

***Their experiences.***

***Their stories.***

***Their potential.***

The Women's Center exists to assist all women in achieving their full potential in education, career, and personal life through academic and intellectual growth, professional development, and personal empowerment.



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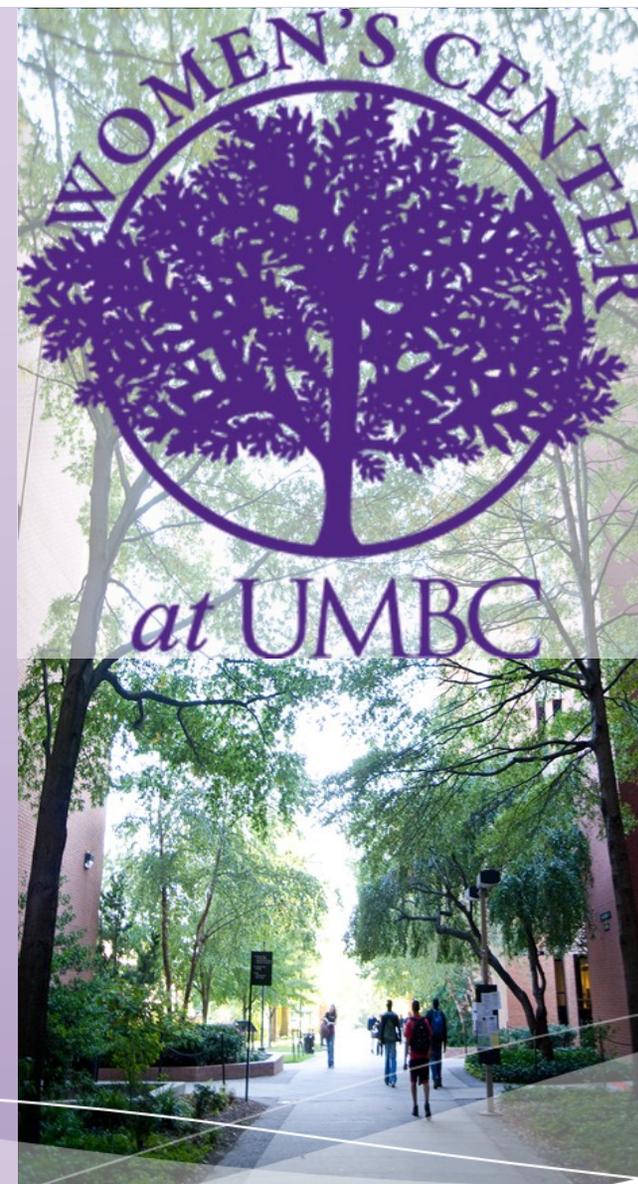
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**RETURNING  
WOMEN  
STUDENTS**

Peer-to-Peer  
Mentoring Program





**2013-2014  
Returning Women  
Student Mentors**

## Goals of the Returning Women Students Mentoring Program

1. To successfully pair first year/transfer (or newer to UMBC) returning women students with upper division returning students.
2. To foster an environment that allows for acceptance and understanding of identities and specific issues pertaining to returning women students.
3. To provide a networking model for student participants to learn more about themselves, each other, and the UMBC community.

### What are the benefits of being a Peer Mentor?

Are there things you know now that you wish you had known as a new student at UMBC? This is your chance to use your experience and insight to help guide a new student's transition to UMBC! Mentors will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills while networking across disciplines. The peer-to-peer mentoring relationship is mutually beneficial, as the act of mentoring is a valuable exercise in professional development.

### What are the benefits of being a Mentee?

As new(er) UMBC students, mentees have the benefit of learning things that can take a year or more to discover. Mentees will have a resource to turn to when they don't know whom else to ask and their mentor will be able to provide honest and open feedback. Mentees are matched with their peer mentor for the full academic year.



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### Apply online!

#### Mentors

[tinyurl.com/ReturningWomenMentorApp](http://tinyurl.com/ReturningWomenMentorApp)

#### Mentees

[tinyurl.com/ReturningWomenMenteeApp](http://tinyurl.com/ReturningWomenMenteeApp)

### More on the scholarships in the Returning Women Students Scholarship Program:

#### The Newcombe Scholarship for Mature Women Students

The Newcombe Scholarship is named after Charlotte W. Newcombe, who spent her lifetime supporting others in their pursuit of higher education. This scholarship supports completion of a bachelor's degree by women 25 years or older who need financial assistance. This scholarship recognizes the challenges faced by mature women who seek higher education while juggling family and work commitments.

#### Bryson-Neville Scholarship

The Bryson-Neville Scholarship is a memorial scholarship named after Richard Neville, a founding UMBC faculty member, and his first wife, Roselyn Bryson. Dr. Neville played a critical role in UMBC's development by helping shape the character of UMBC through his emphasis on excellence and his compassion for others.

#### AEGON Scholarship

The AEGON Scholarship provides scholarships to returning students with family responsibilities.