

KCAD Mentor Program



Kendall College of Art and Design
of Ferris State University

KCAD Mentors and Mentees

All new KCAD students are invited to register for the KCAD Mentor Program. New students that enroll are called mentees. As a mentee, you are matched with an upperclass KCAD student (they are called mentors). Your mentor will have a group of mentees so you can meet and learn from others. Your mentor can help you as you transition into the KCAD community. They can answer basic questions about KCAD and the Grand Rapids community. If they don't know the answer to one of your questions, they will know who to send you to for an answer. Keep in mind, mentors want to help you. They are not intimidating people! They want to help make sure you feel welcomed to KCAD by current students.

Expectations

You and your mentor set your meeting times and the frequency of your meetings. Your mentor will have information to share but you should come with questions or topics you want to discuss. Your mentor will give you a way to contact them with questions in between meetings. Your mentor is not a KCAD staff or faculty member, you should not expect them to have all the information you need. But remember, if you have questions about courses, registration, financial aid, etc. they will know who can answer your questions. You will have weekly meetings that you schedule with your mentor. This is a flexible program.

How to Join

You need to register for the KCAD Mentor Program. Applications are available in the Activities & Resource Center and on the KCAD website (www.kcad.edu.)

Where and Why

The KCAD Mentor Program events will all be held on the KCAD campus. We hope this will allow you to meet other mentees and mentors. Remember, most interactions will be in a group with all of your mentor's mentees. You are encouraged to explore the Grand Rapids community with your mentor and the other mentees in your group. The KCAD community wants you to feel welcomed and included. This is an easy way to get connected to campus. If you enjoy the experience, you can apply to be a mentor next year for other new students!

Individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations to participate should contact the Activities & Resource Center at 616.451.2787 x1156 at least 72 hours in advance of any needed accommodations.

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