

## *Male Mentoring*

**"Make it a life rule to give your best to whatever passes through your hands. Stamp it with your manhood. Let superiority be your trademark."**

**Orison Swett Marden**



The Male Mentoring Program is designed to aid in the academic, personal, professional and overall development of male students at Norfolk State University.

The program emphasizes mentoring and nurturing male students with the expectation that they will excel academically, graduate, and ultimately become successful in their chosen career fields.

The male mentoring program brings positive awareness and recognition to male students on campus promoting academic success and retention as well as inspiring and motivating them to achieve their goals.

## *Goals and Objectives*

- Promote and facilitate student success.
- Encourage male students to adopt an "Excellence-in-Education Attitude."
- Improve the retention and graduation rates of male students.
- Increase the participation of male students in personal, educational, and professional development activities.
- Develop leadership skills in male students.
- Foster positive relationships between students, and the faculty/staff.
- Enhance student success.
- Enhance life skills.



## *Mentoring Strategies*

- Provide sources of support and guidance.
- Conduct regular meetings to discuss specific issues and ideas.
- Connect students to services and resources at NSU.
- Provide suggestions for balancing academic and social life.
- Advise students on how to manage their time, approach faculty when necessary, and deal with stress.
- Provide tips on study skills, and share academic success strategies.
- Assist with establishing goals, and identifying strategies to accomplish these goals.
- Enhance socialization skills between faculty/staff and students.



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*"Engaging Students to Achieve Academic Excellence"*

The Spartan Men of Optimism, Valor and Excellence Male Mentoring Program (S.M.O.O.V.E.) is a unique mentoring program that offers students at Norfolk State an opportunity to develop a close, positive relationship with a mentor who will empower them through development of personal and career interests, and aid in acquiring life skills. The SMOOVE Male Mentoring program is an affiliate of the ACCESS program under the Office of First Year Experience.

ACCESS serves as an advocate for students and provides academic support services to all students. As advocates for students, ACCESS collaborates with all units in an effort to increase student retention and to produce academically prepared professionals who are ready to contribute to their communities. For additional information, please contact ACCESS at 757-823-8507 or visit us on the website.

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OPTIMISM, VALOR AND EXCELLENCE

*"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." -John Crosby*