

Best Practices for Creating and Maintaining High-Impact Student Organizations



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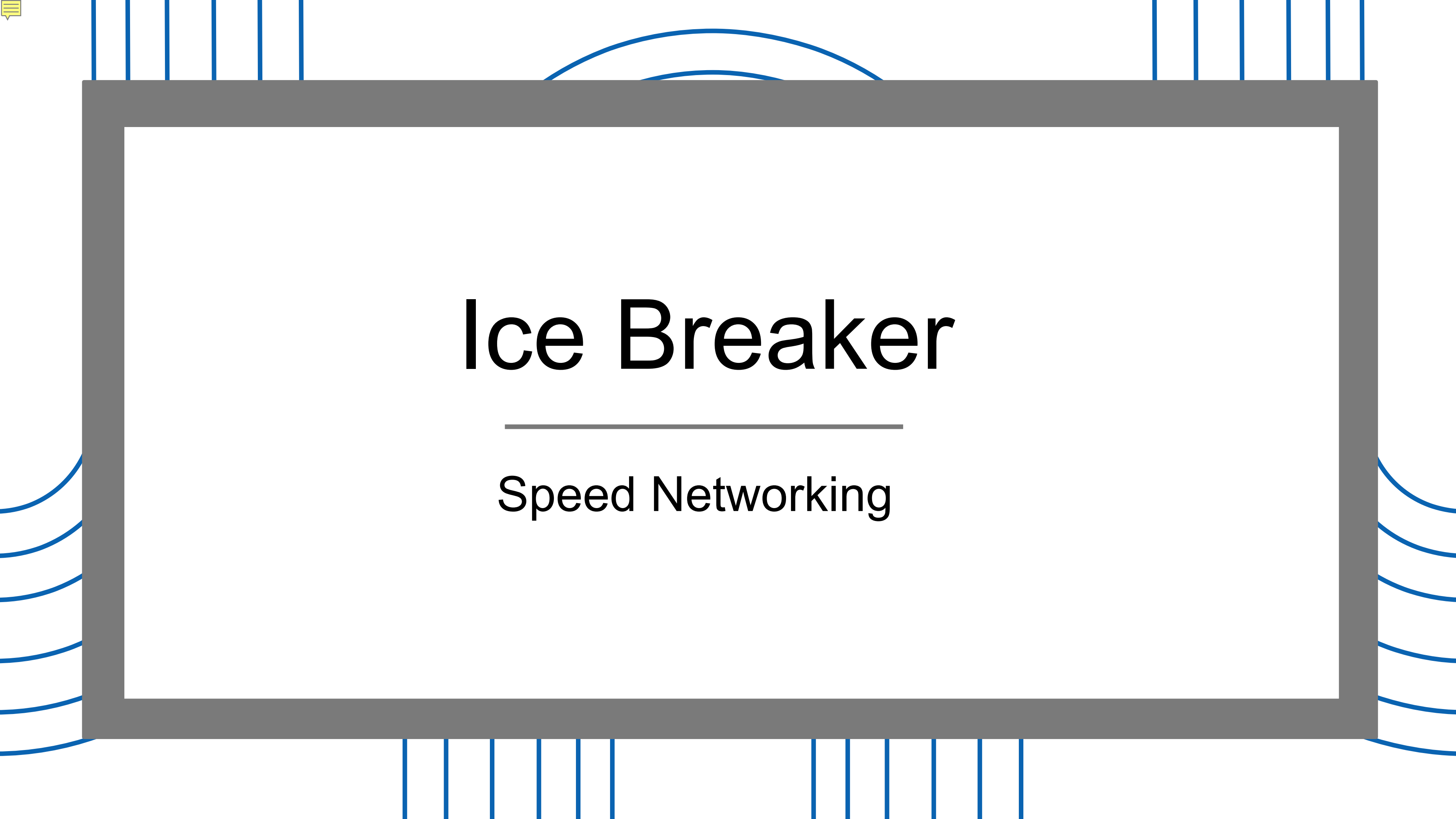
Today's Goals

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To highlight the research on
student organization
participation and success

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To offer recommendations and
best practices for student
organizations



Ice Breaker

Speed Networking

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What is the best advice you have ever received and why do you say this?



- Encourage pair with do not know

extra discussion*.

*Encourage (but do not require) participants to exchange phone numbers.



Benefits of Speed Networking

- ❑ Builds community and reduces awkwardness for newly formed groups. -
 - ❑ Encourages networking amongst professional peers
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PART 1:

Organizational Involvement & Student Success

■ Academic
Success

(Misra & McKean, 2000)

■ Professional
Success

(Gardner & Barnes, 2007; Student Resource Center, 2023)

■ Personal
Success

(Moore et al., 1998)

Academic Success

Honor Societies

- Education outside of the classroom
- Network with professionals
- Member special resources

Supplemental Instruction

- Master a course
- Act as a mentor for others
- Advanced approach to educational development

Study Groups

- Connect with classmates
- Sets up courage for socialization in larger settings
- Higher retention rates

Professional Success

■ Internships

- Career connections

■ Internal opportunities

- Symposia, university Jobs

■ External opportunities

- Conferences, community outreach, jobs

■ Graduate/Medical school



Genesis Melendez,
Asst. Biology
Hospitality Management
Golden Key Society
Golden Key Society
Club

Personal Success

- Mentoring
- Socialization and connections
- Soft skills
- Self-discovery



PART 2:

Common Struggles & Best Practices

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**Check out University
Resources**

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**Connect to Peers and
Professionals**

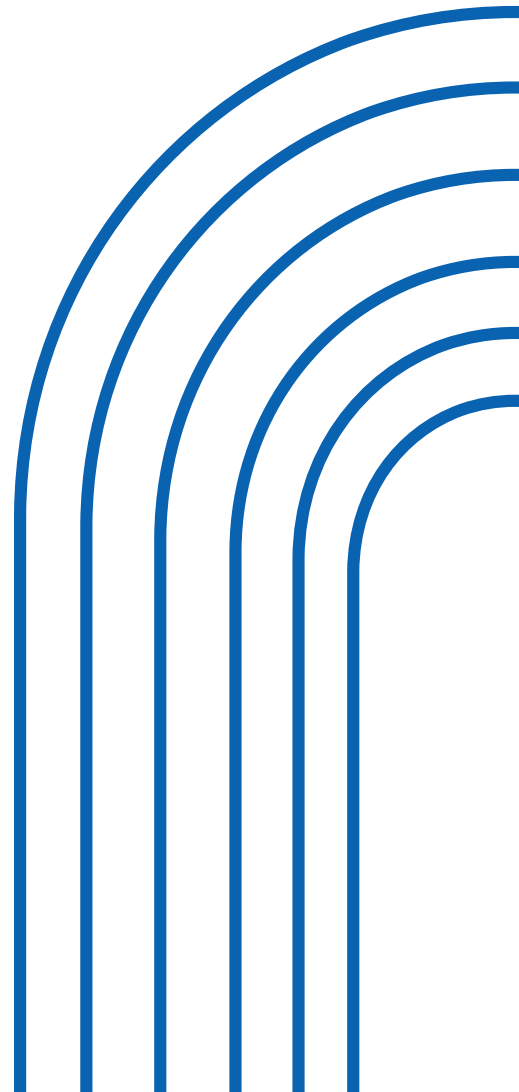
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**Communicate
Consistently**

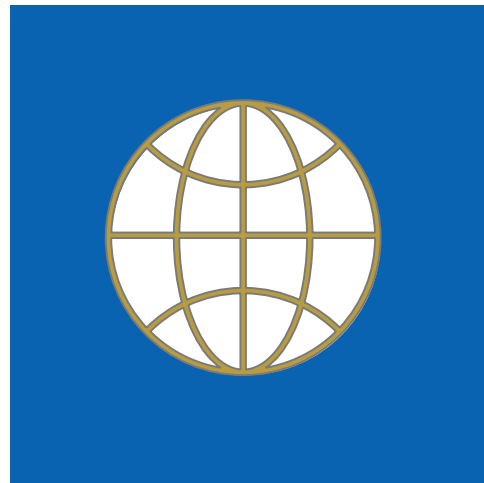


Check Out University Resources

- Social media and involvement fairs
- Know the university hierarchy
- Work with university partners
 - Partner & Volunteer

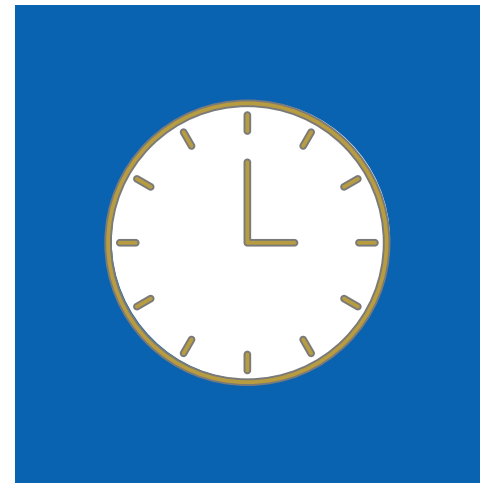


Connect to peers and professionals!



Mentorship

Create a mentorship system within your organization.



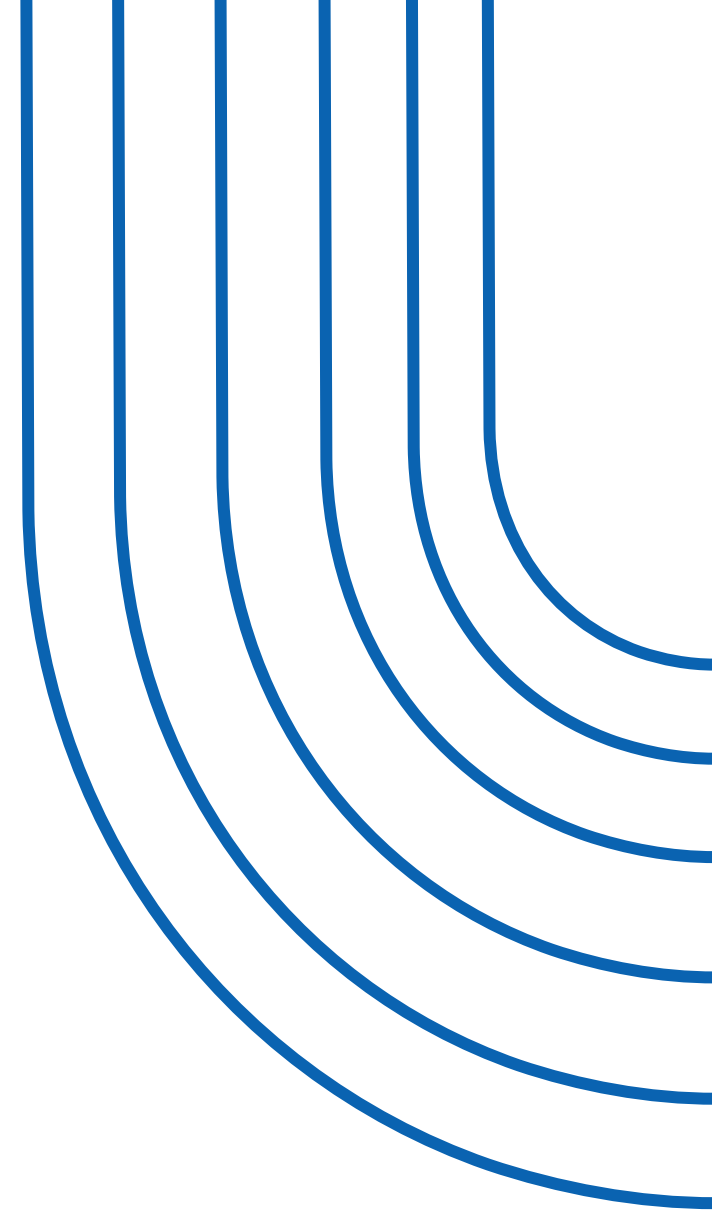
Involvement

Ask students to get involved and make material for involvement.



Updates

Provide constant updates and schedule regular meetings.



Communicate Constantly

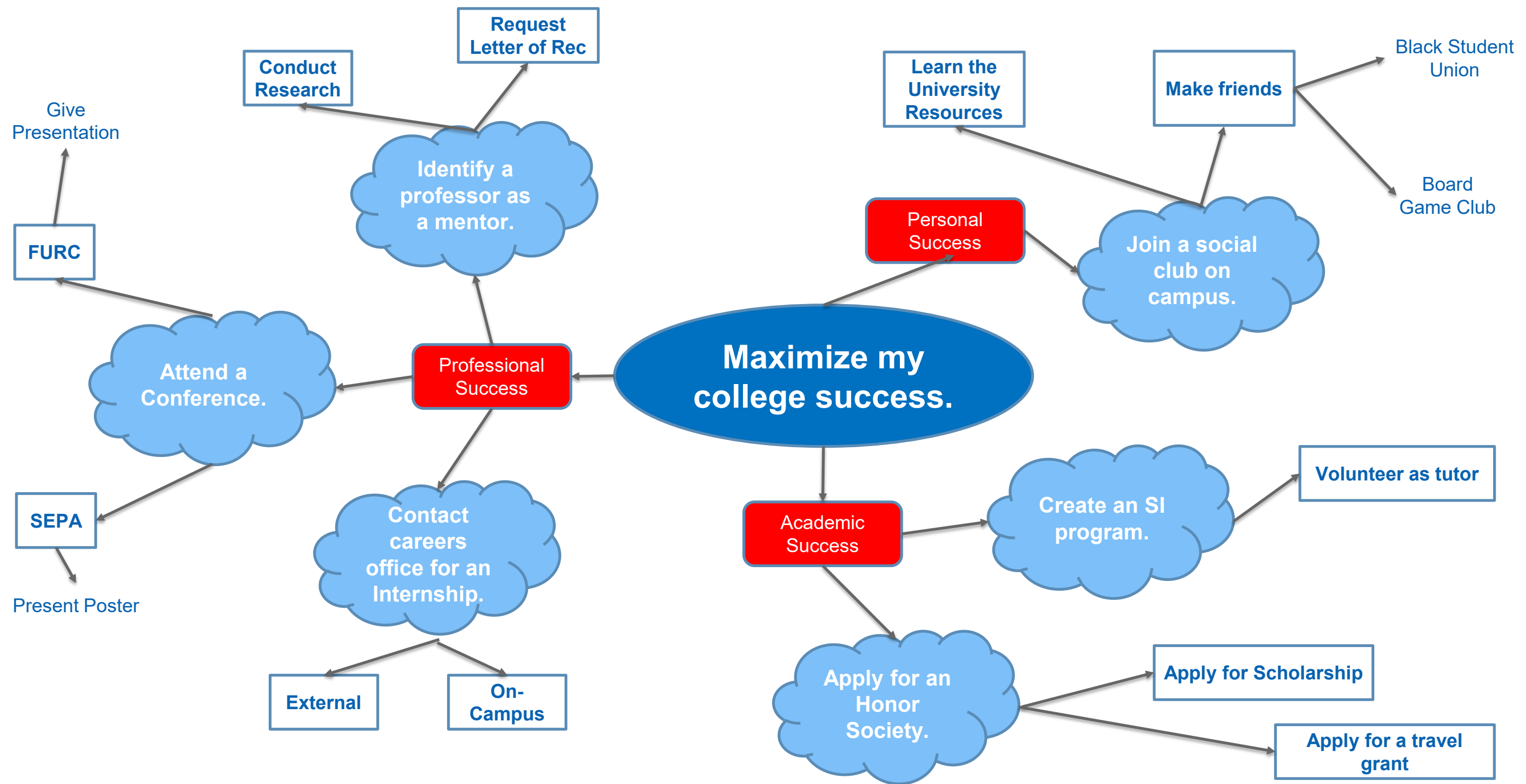
- Thoroughly plan meeting agenda
- Model professional behavior
- Multiple modes of outreach
- Avoid overplanning events



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Mind Map

(Budd, 2004)



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