

# Mentorship Program: Bridge to Student Success

## Chinese American Faculty Association (CAFA)

### Program Description

Our university welcomes new international students every year. The novelty and excitement to a new school can be often time accompanied by challenges and difficulties. Given the strong and immediate demand of students' needs as well as the natural bonding and understanding between Chinese students and faculty, initiated by Dr. Xuanning Fu, CAFA launched Mentorship Program that paired CAFA members with new international students with Chinese background to assist them with the cultural and academic acclimatization and eventually lead to greater student success.



### How did we do?

#### How often did communication happen?

Periodically Based on need

#### Multi-channel communication

Talk in person Email

Social media (WeChat) Phone call

#### What kinds of help did mentors provide to mentees?

- Mentors provided general guidance to mentees' life and study at Fresno State and in the US.
- Mentors answered mentees' questions regarding class enrollment, paying fees, and U.S. education expectation, driver License, car purchase, research project, TA experiences, etc.

### What did our participants say?

*I found the instructions received from my mentor helpful to my life and study at Fresno State and in the U.S.—Mentees*

*CAFA has done a good job connecting students and mentors!—Mentor*

### Current Mentors

Xuanning Fu (Program Initiator), Dean of Undergraduate Studies  
 Harry Xia (CAFA Co-Chair), Department of Finance & Business Law  
 Tiewei (Lucy) Liu (CAFA Co-Chair), Henry Madden Library  
 Jasmine Cao (Int'l Student Advisor), Int'l Student Services and Programs  
 Feiyan Chen, Literacy, Early, Bilingual, and Special Education  
 Hong Ni, Department of Psychology  
 Ming Li, Department of Computer Science  
 Pei-ying Wu, Literacy, Early, Bilingual, and Special Education  
 Qun Sun, Department of Viticulture & Enology  
 Shu Lin, Department of Accountancy  
 Xiangyang Shi, Central California Chinese Cultural Association  
 Xiaoming Yang, Henry Madden Library  
 Zhi Wang, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences



### What will CAFA do next?

- Research students' needs
- Adjust mentor-mentee matching model
- Facilitate communications between mentors and mentees