Meet & Greet with UMD Alumni Professionals
Discussion Guide

Instructions

The following is a guide to facilitate a 40-minute discussion with UMD graduating seniors. It can be adapted based on your session.

What is the Meet & Greet with UMD Alumni Professionals?

An evening of discussion and networking for graduating seniors and UMD alumni professionals within different industries

The goal is to foster curiosity and serve as a resource for the students as they embark on their professional journey

Who are the professionals/industries represented?

Professionals represent alumni from the following industries:

Arts & Entertainment
Business & Communications
Education, Public Services & Human Services
Environment & Natural Resources
Government & Nonprofit
Healthcare Management
STEM: Science, Tech, Engineering, Math

Program

1. **Getting to Know You** *(*students/alumni)*
   a. Name
   b. Graduation Year *(alumni only)*
   c. Major
   d. Job Title *(alumni only)*
   e. What brought you here tonight?
2. **Industry Insights/Overview** *(*alumni)*
   a. Describe your industry
      i. What is your job?
      ii. Who do you serve?
      iii. How does your employer fit within the overall industry? (Ex: Nonprofit, STEM, Business, etc.)
3. **"My Story…"** *(*alumni)*
   a. How did you get into the role industry you are in now?
   b. How has your professional career vision shifted/evolved since graduating from UMD?

4. **What I learned** *(*alumni)*
    a. What resources and/or strategies did you use to get to where you are today?
    b. How has UMD (staff, faculty, mentors, other resources) helped you in your career journey?
    c. Do you have tips or advice for graduates just starting out? (Portfolios, resumes, networking, continued education, volunteerism, mentorship)
    d. <u>Resources for growth</u>: Do you follow any professional publications/resources that are worthwhile?
    e. <u>Sourcing new opportunities:</u> How do you seek out career opportunities?
5. **Final Thoughts**
    a. Connecting in the future (contact information of alumni)