Mentoring Blog Learning Project* – Platinum Level of Recognition

Purpose: The Mentoring Blog Learning Project provides you with the opportunity to mentor two other UIC students and encourage them to earn a UIC Experience Certificate. The Mentoring Blog Project consists of approaching two other UIC students, telling them about The UIC Experience, and then helping them to submit their documentation to earn a UIC Experience Certificate. You will then submit a written blog in which you describe your mentoring efforts in helping the two students earn their UIC Experience Certificates.

Your written blog will perform three functions: 1) describe how you persuaded two other students to attempt a UIC Experience, 2) explain the nature of The UIC Experience in which your mentees participated, and 3) articulate why the experience had meaning for your mentees and for you as their mentor. The blog will utilize written language to convey this story.

Instructions for the Mentoring Blog Learning Project:

The Mentoring Blog Learning Project is an exercise in writing, so photos, videos, or audio components should not be used. (The Visual Learning Project is available for use of photos, and the Vlog Learning Project is available for use of video/audio.)

The Mentoring Blog Learning Project will consist of text, titles, and subheadings.

The Mentoring Blog Learning Project should have three components in its message: 1) a description of how you persuaded two other students to attempt a UIC Experience, 2) an explanation of the nature of The UIC Experience in which your mentees participated, and 3) an articulation of why the experience had meaning for your mentees and for you as the mentor.

The piece should range from 400 to 800 words long and should consist of three paragraphs or three topic areas depending on how the blog is constructed.

The Mentoring Blog Learning Project needs to contain the title of the blog and three subheadings (one subheading for each of the three components of the message.) Titles and subheadings should be descriptive and short, contain key terms, and quickly describe the main point of the blog or section of the blog. (Good title tags help to clarify meaning for your reader and help to optimize hits for your blog in Google and other search engines.)

Suggestions for a stronger mentoring blog submission:

Readers of blogs may only read a blog for 15 to 30 seconds. Write and organize your blog to capture and hold the reader’s attention. Organize your blog with clear titles and headings so that meaning is conveyed quickly, easily, and clearly.

*Complete a Learning Project and be eligible to be selected for a Book and Technology Recognition Award. Deadline for submitting Learning Projects is the Friday of the 14th week of fall or spring semesters. E-mail your Learning Project as an attachment to uicexperience@uic.edu. Remember that you need to document all six experiences online to finish your application to earn your certification. For more information email uicexperience@uic.edu.

- **Must complete and return The UIC Experience Learning Project Public Display Consent Form with the Learning Project Submission.**
- Only one learning project may be submitted per semester per six experiences or theme.
- Students may be selected for only one UIC Experience Learning Project Monetary Recognition Award per semester.
UIC Experience Learning Project
Public Display Consent Form

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I/We represent that I am/We are over eighteen (18) years of age or older.

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Signature of person in submitting UIC Experience Learning Project    DATE

Print Name Clearly    ____________________________
UIC NET ID

Please check: ___Visual Learning Project; ___Blog Learning Project; ___Vlog Learning Project; ___Mentoring Blog Learning Project

_______ Initial here if you choose to OPT OUT of having your UIC Experience Learning Project publicly displayed. You may still submit your learning project to earn The UIC Experience Certification, but your learning project will not be displayed publicly.

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