

### ***Peer Mentoring: A Successful Match***

**Wesley Lindahl**, Dean of the School of Business and Nonprofit Management at North Park University, recently completed a year-long match with **Walter Grandberry**, Director of Development at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. The match was successful and a positive experience for both mentor and protégé. Walter said “Working with Wes provided a tremendous jumpstart to my career in development. Although I had innate skills from my previous work in sales, Wes was able to share wisdom and insights that helped ease my transition into fundraising. He was also able to help me extend my network, which enabled me to secure my current role at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I will be eternally grateful to Wes and to the AFP-Chicago Chapter Mentoring Program.” Wes said “The match with Walter Grandberry and I was a real success because of the commitment we both had to the mentoring process outlined by AFP. Walter and I set up the appropriate in-person meetings and phone calls in advance for the entire year. With busy schedules it helped to block out time in advance. It was very worthwhile for me because Walter’s goals of career development fit with my network of people that could help out. Seeing the success in Walter’s new career advancement was worth the efforts.”

You can have a similar experience, whether you want a mentor or are able to help a protégé. Please consider participating in the [program](#) and encouraging others to do so.

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