

APICS Mentor Program

What does the APICS Mentor Program entail?

The APICS Orange County Mentor program is a great opportunity for students to find a group of mentors to develop a relationship with for career guidance and networking. It is best for students to start this program in their sophomore and junior years because we believe in helping students develop over time to attain the job they want at graduation.

The APICS Mentor program provides monthly group meeting opportunities to learn and network with the participants in the program. It also gives students the ability to ask any career related questions to a professional.

Once a student chooses a mentor, he or she will attend the first event to meet the other mentees in the group. There will be a maximum ratio of 5 mentees to 2 mentors on each team. This will ensure the mentors have adequate time outside of group meetings to address each mentees individual questions.

2014 Fall Semester Calendar of Events

October 2nd - Mentor Program Introduction Meeting

Topic: Utilizing social media in your career

November - Individual Team Meetings

Date and topic TBD by each group

December - Plant Tour

Spring 2015 Events: Improving presentation skills event, Executive & student networking event, mock interview event

What benefits will I get from participating in the program?

- Professional introductions and networking opportunities
- Guidance on choosing which certification or degree is right for you
- Recommended publications to enhance your knowledge
- The foundation of a lasting professional network
- Identification of skill gaps
- Access to the APICS network
- Meet and learn from other students in the program
- Professional resume and cover letter feedback
- Exposure to diverse perspectives and experiences
- Access to a support system during critical stages of your academic and career development

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How do I become a Mentee?

Step 1: If you can answer "YES" to the following statements, you are a great candidate for this program.

- I am a sophomore or a junior.
- I'm responsible for my career goals and would enjoy the benefit of a mentor's guidance to create a plan for success.
- I'm ready to listen, but I'm also ready to share my ideas so it's a give and take relationship.
- I'm ready for objective feedback to consider new ideas and new approaches suggested by my mentor.
- I have realistic expectations for my mentor relationship. No one is perfect and good relationships take honesty, effort and time.
- I'm busy with school and work, but I'm ready to make a commitment for my future by communicating with my mentor.

Step 2: Ensure you can attend the group activities for the APICS OC mentor program.

Step 3: Send Erica.Jehling@gmail.com an email with the following:

- 1. Your name
- 2. Your email address
- 3. Your phone number
- 4. Expected graduation date
- 5. Major and areas of concentration
- 6. 1st and 2nd choice mentor group (5 groups total)
- 7. What you want to learn from your mentors



Mentor Biographies

Mentor Team 1: Peggy Thrond and Peter Jakubowski



Peggy Thrond is a senior supply planner at Western Digital. She started her career at Western Digital in account management. After three years she moved on to demand planning. She received her BS degree in Business Administration from California State University of Fullerton and attained her CSCP certification from APICS. She has lived in Indonesia, Holland and Australia and speaks Dutch. Peggy enjoys travelling and hiking.



Peter Jakubowski has owned his own consultant company, SOS Inc, for the past 4 years. He has 30 years of experience in Operations and Supply Chain roles in commercial and aerospace industries. He holds a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from UCLA, a MBA in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix and a BS in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California. He is a certified six sigma black belt, a USPTO Registered Patent Agent and has CSCP certification from APICS. In his free time, he enjoys officiating kids sports and collecting USC pins.

Mentor Team 2: Josie Vigil and Jerry Gonzalez



Josie Vigil is currently Director, Supply Chain Operations at B. Braun Medical, Inc. in Irvine CA. She has been with B. Braun for 25 years in various roles including Supply Chain, Operations. Accounting and Finance. She holds a BS in Accounting and Finance from LaSalle University and an MBA with a concentration in Supply Chain Management from the University of La Verne. She also has attained her CPA license from the State of CA, CSCP and CPIM certifications from APICS and is a Certified Lean Executive. In her free time, she enjoys RVing, jetskiing and long distance running.



Jerry Gonzalez is a Professional Engineer with 28 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, manufacturing Large Volume Parentherals and Medical Devices. He has held positions in Engineering, Manufacturing, Planning, Scheduling, and as SPC trainer. He is currently the Business Systems Manager at B Braun Medical, Inc. where he is responsible for the functional support of the ERP system (SAP) and the MES-EBR system used for the manufacturing of IV Solutions. He holds an MBA degree, with a concentration in Supply Chain Management, from the University of La Verne. He has a BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, a CSCP certification from APICS and is n ASQ Certified Quality Engineer and Manager of Quality. In his free time he likes to travel, go to the movie and volunteer for good causes.

Mentor Team 3: John Brewer and Erica Jehling



John Brewer is currently the delivery assurance manager at Verify. He has been with Verify for 2 years in the Aerospace industry. He specializes in Supply Chain, Operations, Strategy, Purchasing, Planning, International Business, Engineering and Consulting. He holds a MBA in Operations from Cal State Dominguez Hills, a B.S. in Biology from Texas Christian University and is a graduate of Civil Engineering from The U.S. Army Engineer Officer School. He also has a CPIM and CSCP certification from APICS. John has been a very active member of APICS and has held multiple board positions. He is also a certified trainer. In his free time, he enjoys negotiation, teaching and baking.



Erica Jehling is currently the General Manager at Cryogenic Industries Service Centers California. She has been with Cryogenic Industries for three years and involved in manufacturing industrial products for 6 years. She holds a BS in Business Administration and a BA in East Asian Languages and Cultures from the University of Southern California. She also has a Graduate certificate in Purchasing from UCSD and has attained her CSCP certification from APICS. Erica specializes in supply chain, operations and international business. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, traveling and playing sports.

Mentor Biographies Cont.

Mentor Team 4: Paul Montesano and John Hanlin

Paul Montesano is currently the VP of Operations at Cramer-Decker Co. Paul specializes in Supply Chain, Operations, Purchasing and Planning. He has spent 20 plus years in the aerospace and defense industry. He received his BS in Operations Management from Ramapo College of NJ. Paul has served on the APICS Orange County board of directors for 14 years including 2 years as president. Paul also holds a CPIM certificate from APICS. In his free time, he enjoys classic cars, coaching sports and football.



John Hanlin is an Operations & Supply Chain professional, with 28 years of direct experience. John has held a multitude of progressive positions, starting with Materials Planner, Logistics Analyst, Contract Agent, Supplier Auditor, MRP Analyst, Master Scheduler, Materials Manager, and Engineering Advisor. Currently, John works for the Southern California Gas Company, and has been there for the past 19 years. John earned a BS in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Operations Management, from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. John achieved his CPIM certification and credentials from APICS. John has also held several Board of Director positions within APIC and is also an instructorS. In his free time, he participates in his Fullerton Corvette Club. John also enjoys photography, skeet & trap shooting, and golfing.

Mentor Team 5: Cliff Lucht and Keith Padrnos



Cliff Lucht is currently a principal at TransCelerate. He has been with TransCelerate for four years and involved in consulting for 14 years. He holds a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Oregon State University and a also has a MBA from Pepperdine University. He is currently pursuing his CSCP certification from APICS. Cliff specializes in solving problems, improving cost and capacity in supply chain and operations. In his free time, he enjoys golfing.



Keith Padrnos is currently semi-retired but remains active as a consultant and APICS Instructor for CPIM courses, and is active on the Board of Directors for the Orange County Chapter. Previous positions have included Director of Operations and Materials over the course of 35+ years in Manufacturing. He holds a BS in Industrial Technology from Cal State University at Long Beach, a CPIM designation from APICS, and is an APICS certified Instructor for CPIM courses. Having been involved in virtually every aspect of a company, he is technically conversant in Operations, Materials, Production, Engineering, and ERP system implementation/upgrades. Free time activities include fishing, shooting, golf, home fix-its, and tinkering.