

# Professors Beyond the Classroom

Professors on the importance of connections inside and outside the classroom

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Studies have shown that students who build strong relationships with their professors, both inside and outside of the classroom, have had a positive outcome on their academic performance as well as in personal growth.

The role a professor plays in shaping the student's growth in college is both crucial and impactful in many ways.

“It is important to connect with students beyond teaching to give them the opportunity to see yourself as more than just a teacher in the classroom, but as a friendly presence who will always support them,” said Professor Michele Peroni.

Professors serve not only as mentors for those who need guidance towards their career paths and academic journey, but also provide support and empowerment.

“The most rewarding part is watching students evolve over time,” said Professor Stefanie Powers. “Seeing their confidence grow, watching them take on challenges they didn’t think they could handle, and then succeed is extremely rewarding.”

At Lynn, aside from teaching courses many professors are actively involved in clubs, organizations, and student-led projects. Immersing themselves into the student’s lives.

“Outside of the classroom, I work full time with the IT Support Team, focusing on event support.” Said Professor Andrew Vermes “One of the many benefits of this role is the opportunity to employ and encourage student workers on our team. I regularly offer myself as a mentor and guide them on ways to improve their skills and enhance their knowledge so they can add these items to their resumes for future job searching.”

The impact a professor can have on a student can be long lasting, through personal growth and professional career development it is important to form those connections and stay involved. Professors at Lynn University strive to form these lasting impacts through their active involvement in student life and advocacy for their students.

