

1106-VF-316 **David Hartenstine*** (david.hartenstine@wwu.edu) and **Perry Fizzano**. *Mentoring in a Scholarship Program for Distinguished Undergraduate Women in Computer Science and Mathematics.*

Mentoring, both formal and informal, is critical to the success of the CS/M Scholars Program at Western Washington University. The ultimate goal of this program, now in its fourth year, is to graduate more women in computer science and mathematics. It is funded by the NSF's S-STEM program. Various forms of mentoring and their importance to overall program goals will be discussed. These include: early and ongoing advising by departmental faculty and staff, peer advising, cohort creation and preservation, student involvement in recruitment and retention, and networking with upperclassmen, alumni and working professionals. The effectiveness of these activities is supported by survey results, institutional data and anecdotal evidence. (Received August 21, 2014)