Peer Learning Assistant Faculty Mentor

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I am excited to talk to you about:

How PLA can enhance classroom engagement, support diverse learners, and contribute to a more inclusive and effective teaching experience.

Most Used PLA Management Strategies:

In meetings with PLA, I asked PLA about class pace and students progress, debrief what I did in the week and discuss the plan for the upcoming week. I seek their feedback both as students and observers and encourage them to suggest new example ideas for class.

Biggest Surprise in your PLA Management and Mentorship:

I was surprised how much working with PLA improved my teaching. Their constructive feedback, and creative ideas have transformed my approach to teaching and enhanced the learning experience for everyone involved.

Most Meaningful PLA Memory:

In 2023 and 2024, I had a PLA who was very enthusiastic and professional in her work. She consistently provided valuable insights and feedback during our PLA meetings. She graduated this fall and wrote an email expressing that she gained many new skills and learned a lot from this amazing experience.

Greatest Triumph in your PLA Management:

My greatest triumph in PLA management has been creating a welcoming and supportive environment where students feel engaged and supported. One student comment that the interactive activities such as case studies made the material more relatable and compelling.

Advice for Overcoming Roadblocks:

Maintain open communication with PLAs and create a space where challenges can be discussed honestly. Encourage flexibility, collaborative problem-solving, and the willingness to adapt strategies based on feedback and evolving needs.

Words of Wisdom: Embrace the process of continuous learning and stay open to new perspectives. The best teaching moments often come from unexpected challenges, and fostering a collaborative, supportive environment can transform both your teaching and your students' experiences.