

## Activity Week: Transfer of Institutional Knowledge

This week, there's no reading. Instead, please **reach out to previous or current mentor, liaison, upperclassman or alumni** (preferably a recent alumni) from your department! Grab a meal with them, schedule a Zoom, or find another way of taking time out of your schedule to talk to them. If no one replies, Austin and Elshiekh are also available (but should only be reached out to if you can't find anyone from your own department or as a second person)! Feel free to do more than one person also. :)

Talk to them about things they learned as a student – specifically in their department – that they wish they knew when they first began the major, or things that they realized retrospectively that they think is important for you to know as a current major.

Possible questions that you could ask them:

- 1) What is one thing I should be aware of as a freshman in the <CS> department? As a sophomore? As a junior? And as a senior?
- 2) Where do you see yourself in the future? How do you plan to get there?
- 3) What advice would they give you? Did they do an internship, are they applying for grad school, have they been awarded a scholarship, are there summer programs they can tell you about, are there classes that have changed their lives, are there class substitutions they would recommend?

### **Reflection questions**

- 1) Who did you reach out to?
- 2) What did you talk about? What did you learn?
- 3) What's some advice you would give a freshman coming into your department? That you would give anyone in your department? What do you wish you knew more about or are curious about?
- 4) If you have access and time, make a timeline of student work in *your* department.