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I remember when I first joined the ministry of The Navigators almost 10 years ago. I had lots of questions:

*"Where will I find the business women God wants me to disciple?"*

*"What's the best way to invest my time with them?"*

And, maybe most intimidating: *"How on earth do I raise the money to do this?"*



Rob Mahon (far left) with our whole metro staff

Thankfully, the answers came as I waited on God. I received His guidance through prayer, provision and the **wise counsel of my mentor and boss, Rob Mahon**. From Day One as a staff intern, I knew that Rob had my back. He was invested in me and determined to help me succeed. He has been a great coach, mentor, friend and supporter.

**Coaching has been defined as "unlocking a person's potential to maximize their own success."** Because I was equipped to succeed, I now look for opportunities to give back in the same way to other new staff.

Earlier this year I traveled to Colorado Springs to serve as one of the funding coaches for The Navigators' new-staff training program. I met some great people from around the country. I was able to encourage them as they learned how to share their stories with potential donors and raise support.



My "coachees" at the Nav Funding School

Currently I'm meeting with our newest **local staff member, Sarah Christian**; helping her start to build a budget for her ministry to urban kids here in Albuquerque. Every time I meet with her I think about the encouragement and support I received



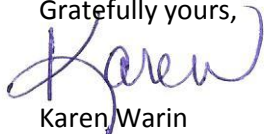
Sarah, Laura Jenkins (Urban Ministry Director) and me at our favorite meeting (eating) place

from Rob, and I strive to be the same inspiration to her.

When coaches were being recruited for a pilot project this summer, called the **Navigator Development Plan**, I jumped at the chance to serve. Through a series of coaching sessions by phone I helped another Nav staff person set and achieve some personal and professional goals. I made a new friend and hopefully, provided a pathway to success.

No matter how God directs me to serve, I am humbled and blessed by what I learn. No matter how much I invest, I can never outgive the God who loves to be gracious to us (Isa 30:18). Thank you for letting God use you to bless me, so that I can seek to bless others!

Gratefully yours,

  
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