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Mentoring for Careers in Physics: a new pilot program at William & Mary

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Last year, the Department of Physics at William & Mary launched a new professional mentoring program for female undergraduates in physics, Mentoring for Careers in Physics (MCP). Initiated by Ran Yang, the co-founder and co-director of MCP, our program pairs undergraduate physicists (or anyone considering a physics major) with female professionals working in STEM fields beyond academia. MCP aims to: help students build career skills and identify career goals; provide networking, internship and job opportunities; and strengthen students' sense of STEM identity and belonging. I discuss the process of starting our mentoring program and reflect on our experience of delivering a pilot program in its first year.

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