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The Refugee Scholars Mentoring Program (MURSM) promotes a positive student development approach that provides opportunities for peer interaction and support. Due to their backgrounds, these population of students have gone through traumatic experiences before coming to the US and are faced with challenges of developing their identity while also integrating two cultures. These challenges can make the transition to college tough and balancing the expectations of the college culture can be challenging because of the simultaneous work and educational responsibilities they must bear. These challenges can be mitigated through multiple resources that exist here at Millersville University and within the larger community.

Refugee students want the same things all other students want: to be seen, to be successful, to be consulted, to be heard. They want to be educated, employed, and included. All of us have an important role to play in assisting them reach their goals. Mentoring has the power to help and inspire refugee students to look to the future with optimism.

The MURSM was formed to support the students who enroll for it has

- Create supportive relationship and improve their well-being
- improve their self-confidence, communication skills, and motivation
- strengthen their self-esteem
- support their continued academic success
- Refer the students to important resources
- Developing social skills
- provide opportunities for emotional support through peer interaction
- promotes the inherent strengths and resilience refugee students bring to the University.