What does mentorship mean to you?

For me, mentorship is all about cheering each other on - it is about helping each other find our courage within, so we can succeed in achieving our dreams, whatever they might look like!

Why did you decide to become a mentor? Why specifically with the Butler Center community?

When I was an assistant professor, I joined in on a few events - such as the annual conference for assistant professors, and it was a very inspiring and encouraging experience for me. It was particularly meaningful because I was struggling in my role as an online program convener as an assistant professor. It was a turning point for me and gave me courage and hope. I am hoping that I can provide that kind of support to other professors.

What is your favorite mentorship experience story?

One of the most fulfilling experiences I've had as a mentor involves guiding one of my doctoral students to fulfill her dream of becoming a professor. Helping a mom find her way to achieve career success after focusing on her family for such a long time made me very proud and happy. Our collaboration extended beyond academic growth; we provided mutual support, finding the courage to overcome obstacles and achieve success in many areas of life. Her success was inspiring, propelling me toward my own career and life goals.