

## ACTIVITY 4

# Get to Know the Advisor

**Purpose:** Forge a strong advisor-advisee relationship by allowing advisees to learn about what makes their advisor a unique individual. Discover commonalities that are shared between adults and teens in the group.

**APPROXIMATE TIME:**

30 minutes

**MATERIALS:**

Index Cards

**ADVISOR NOTES:****Place This Activity in the First Week of the Advising**

Try to include this activity in one of the first three advisory meetings, if possible. You might combine it with one or more get-to-know-you or community-building activities.

**PROCEDURE:****1. Develop Questions to Ask the Advisor**

- Explain to advisees that they will have a chance to get to know you as a person. They will be writing interview questions that you will answer in this meeting and in future meetings. Remind them that questions should be appropriate and that you will not answer ones that are inappropriate. If you feel like it is necessary, give a few examples of topics that you don't feel comfortable discussing.
- Have advisees move into groups of three, and then pass out a small stack of index cards to each group. You might have advisees count off to create random groups. The groups should talk about what they want to know about you and write one question (legibly!) on each index card.

**2. Interview the Advisor**

- Collect the index cards and pick a few to answer in this meeting. Feel free to offer a few bits of information about yourself that advisees did not ask, particularly things they might feel a connection with or things they might be curious to ask you more about.
- Tell advisees that you will answer more of their questions in upcoming advisory meetings.