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As finals are getting closer and the semester is coming to an end I sent out another reminder to the mentees about scheduling classes next semester and if they need help studying for finals. The freshman that asked about ROTC and cybersecurity classes early on in the semester texted me asking about what classes I took sophomore year and how my year went with those classes. I gave her a quick run down of my schedule and how I fit that workload with other obligations. I figured that she didn't want classes that were too hard, but within the cybersecurity major, you're going to have to take some challenging courses no matter what route you take. I explained to her that some of the classes would be best to take before others as it would give a good foundation for them.

I got a response from the email that I sent out and this student wanted help with his/her resume and finding internships. I promptly responded stating that I'm not too familiar with internships although I would be able to point him/her in the right direction. I have a couple of resume templates that I will share with him/her and teach him how to structure his resume to make it appealing to employers. To see a freshman that is already thinking about internships and resumes shows a lot of promise within them. I aim to discuss his/her plans, listen to any of his questions or problem areas that he's unsure about, and give him/her my advice that will hopefully guide him down the right path.

Regarding ROTC, I was chosen to be the executive officer (XO) for the battalion this semester which involves coordinating all cadet operations, personnel, and logistics within ROTC.

I first thought that being the XO would interfere with being a mentor although after seeing how being a peer mentor meant connecting with students, this internship as a peer mentor helped me see that even though I'm the leader of something, I need to stay in touch with everybody and connect with them to better understand how things are run. After seeing this parallel I knew this internship would benefit me in a lot more ways than first expected.