Fall 2025 Session

Mentorship Program Yearbook

PMI-LA Career Development Team

Project Management Institute. Los Angeles

Foreword: A Message from the President



Reflecting on the PMI-LA 2025 Mentorship Program Kickoff Meeting, I vividly remember the palpable sense of potential that filled the room each time a new cohort began. Of the many wonderful accomplishments PMI-LA has enjoyed in 2025, one of my personal favourites as President has been witnessing the profound success and evolution of our Mentorship Program. Today, as I look at the collective achievements of our 2025 participants, that initial potential has been transformed into tangible growth, visionary leadership, and—most importantly—a resilient professional community.

The true value of this program lies in the extraordinary dedication and commitment shown by each of you. To our mentors: you have shared the most precious gift one professional can give another—your time and hard-earned wisdom. To our mentees: you have shown the courage to be vulnerable, the discipline to chase SMART goals, and the drive to innovate within our craft. Your achievements over these past months are a testament to the power of intentional professional development and the high standard of excellence we strive for at PMI-LA.

One of the greatest rewards of this journey is the gift of connection. In a world that often moves at a breakneck pace, taking the time to truly know another project management professional is a rare and beautiful thing. While the formal structure of these sessions may be concluding, the relationship does not have to. I encourage you to let these formal ties evolve into lifelong informal mentorships. Continue to lean on one another, share your perspectives, and—crucially—keep sharing your accomplishments and milestones with your mentors and peers long after this program ends. Your success is a shared victory that inspires us all.

To my fellow PMI-LA members who are reading this: if you have not yet participated in this program, I urge you to sign up for a future cohort. This is not just a "networking" opportunity; it is one of the premier benefits of your membership and a cornerstone of our mission to build a more equitable, skilled, and connected professional landscape in Los Angeles. Whether you are a seasoned executive or an emerging leader, there is a place for you here to grow and to give back.

To our 2025 cohorts: Congratulations on everything you have achieved. You are the changemakers our industry needs, and I am incredibly proud of the lasting relationships you have built.

With gratitude and inspiration,
David Doan
2025 President, PMI Los Angeles Chapter

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With this Fall 2025 Mentorship Program Yearbook, we celebrate:

32

Participants (21 mentees and 11 mentors)

2

In-Person Events, including an informal mixer and a panel/networking session

1st

(Ever!) Session Yearbook

5000+

Approx minutes of program time across mentors and mentees

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Fall 2025 Session Cohort *sorted last name A-Z*

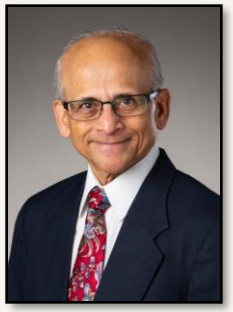
MENTEE

Jasmine Adigwu-Galloway



MENTOR

Ajay Bengali



MENTEE

Rachel Bieber



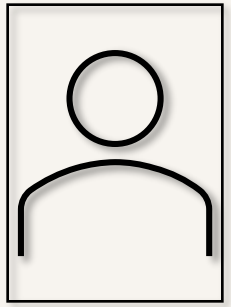
"Rachel is smart, thoughtful, and organized so I see her as most likely to be hired by a company to run a project and end up being asked to stay on to revamp their whole system!"

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MENTEE

Samuel Capaldi



"Most Likely to Learn new skill sets to advance his career growth."

MENTEE

Joshua Carisma



MENTEE

Anne Chu



"Anne is an amazing networker and is most likely to be *the* go-to resource for running events from coast to coast. We'll all be looking to Anne for our events from intimate get-togethers to international power conferences."

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MENTOR

Deby Covey



"Most likely to turn Mentorship into a full-blown Meow Wolf Experience"

MENTEE

Stephanie Cox

"Most likely to go viral on YouTube"

MENTEE

Kamila Gafurzianova

"Most likely to leave people better than she found them"

"Most likely to be everywhere, helping everyone"

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MENTEE

Whitney Guaderrama



"Most likely to be seen on the red carpet"

MENTEE

Beatriz Ignacio



"Most likely to find her dream job through her travels"

MENTOR

Diana Kratt



"Most likely to make challenges feel achievable."

"Biggest Cheerleader: For believing in me, encouraging me through every step, and reminding me of what I'm capable of. Your encouragement has made a lasting impact on my confidence and growth."

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MENTOR

Edward Jones

"Most likely to empower the next generation of leaders."

"Most Likely to Ask the One Question That Changes the Whole Direction"

MENTOR

Lana Limón



"Most likely to be your cheerleader for career growth and to have the most creative advice and solutions"

MENTEE

Anniya Louis

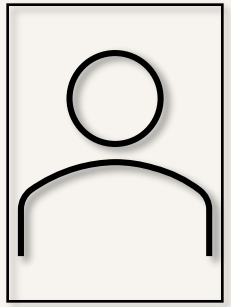
"Most Likely to Lead her project team to success..."

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MENTEE

Pratham Maheshwari



"He is a highly talented individual, and based on his skills, mindset, and preparation level, I strongly believe he is going to succeed..."

MENTEE

Eberechi Nnah-Ogboda



"Most likely to thrive as a confident leader at her new job"

MENTEE

Denise Panaligan



"Most likely to be the best storyteller"

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MENTEE

Dania Jacobo Peña



"Most likely to show up, step in, and lift others along the way"

"Most likely to be the rock others lean on (without even trying)"

MENTOR

James Philips

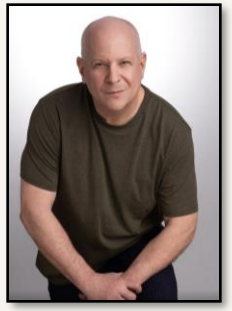
"Most likely to be on the Board of Directors for PMI in 2032"

"Most likely to sincerely see you through the milestones that both have worked on together, and genuinely be happy for you when it is complete'

"Most likely to celebrate his team before himself"

MENTEE

Robert Rainer



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MENTOR

Leo Rogers



"Most likely to recognize your overlooked strengths and push the bar higher"

MENTOR

Andres Salazar Milano



"Most likely to teach executive presence by modeling it"

"Most likely to check if you're still with us"

"Master of the Strategic Pause"

"Most likely to help you prepare and pass your PMP exam"

MENTEE

Anthony Scott



"Most likely to design the process everyone didn't know they needed—but can't live without"

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MENTOR

Shambu Siwakoti



MENTEE

Thomas Trippany



"Most likely to be the most loyal coworker"

MENTEE

Simon Twu



"Most likely to change jobs in 2026"

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MENTEE

Deborah Williams



"Most likely to get her second promotion by the end of 2025"

MENTEE

Channa Wills



MENTOR

Faye Wu



"Most likely to say something that lives rent-free in your head"

"Most likely to turn potential into results"

"Most likely to build confidence and careers"

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MENTOR

Cheryl Venable

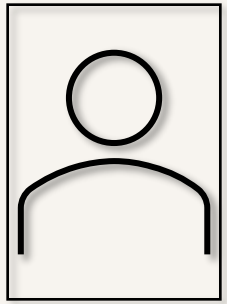


"Most likely to stay curious and learn from everyone in the room"

"Most likely to host the next PMI Mentorship Session"

MENTEE

Dana Vreedee



"Most likely to turn career uncertainly into a strategic career reset"







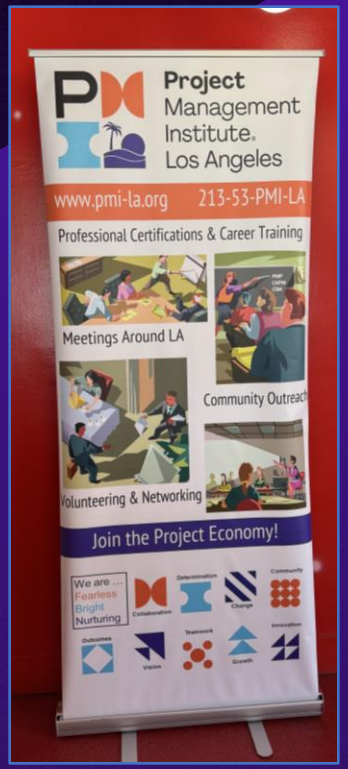
In-Person Event Mixer @ Highland Park Brewery

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In-Person Event Panel/Networking @ Pitfire Pizza

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