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Mentoring is a Lifelong Activity

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One of the greatest personal benefits of mentoring and working with graduate students and postdoctoral fellows is the lifelong journey together. Having graduate students who keep up with you, ask advice and sometimes get it when they haven't asked for it, being able to help them find a job, and in some cases, continuing to do research together for over 50 years is a real gift. Seeing the success of your students in their own research programs, or as Professors, or in industry, makes me feel proud like I do in my children, and when we gather at conferences, it does seem like a family.