

GIST holds ‘Mentor-Mentee Day’ with offline meeting of ‘online mentoring’ where GIST students provide science classes and career counseling to local middle and high school students

- In conjunction with the GIST Social Contribution Group's knowledge sharing program 'LAN Mentoring', offline face-to-face opportunities for mentors and mentees who had previously only communicated online were provided... 51 mentees and mentors attended
- Various programs such as a career lecture by a GIST graduate currently working as a Naver Webtoon server developer and an admissions information session "I'm so happy that I can see my mentor teacher in person"



▲ GIST Social Contribution Group is holding a ‘Mentor-Mentee Day’ and attendees are taking a commemorative photo.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it held a ‘Mentor-Mentee Day’ at Oryong Hall on Saturday, November 16.

A total of 51 people, including middle and high school mentees from Bongseon Middle School and other Gwangju and Jeonnam regions and GIST student mentors, attended this year’s ‘Mentor-Mentee Day’.

Since 2021, GIST’s social contribution group ‘PIUM’* has been operating ‘Online Mentoring,’ a knowledge-sharing program that provides interesting science learning opportunities to local middle and high school students (middle school 1st to high school 3rd year) and supports career exploration in science and engineering. This year, 31 GIST student volunteered to serve as mentors.

‘Online Mentoring’ is accepted every March and operates from April to November. During the semester, a total of 16 science classes (90 minutes per session) and career counseling are held in real time every weekend through a real-time online meeting platform (Zoom).

* PIUM (P: positive, I: interaction, U: understanding, M: mind): It means to spread the fragrance of GIST by sowing seeds and providing water and fertilizer to bloom flowers in our society, just like making flowers bloom.

'Mentor-Mentee Day' was first held last year and is now being held for the second time this year to provide more vivid career mentoring through academic counseling and career information by providing an offline face-to-face meeting place for mentors and mentees who had previously communicated online.



▲ High school students from the Gwangju and Jeonnam regions who attended the GIST Mentor-Mentee Day are meeting and talking with GIST student mentors.

During the 'Mentor-Mentee Day', alumnus Yu-jin Hong (School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Class of 2021), who is currently working as a server developer at Naver Webtoon, was connected online to give a special career lecture.

A time was set aside to honestly share experiences from seniors in the science and technology field, such as their college life at GIST, why she joined Naver after graduation, and what she mainly does as a server developer.



▲ GIST alumnus Yu-jin Hong, who is currently working as a server developer at Naver Webtoon, is giving a special career lecture online.

Alumnus Yu-jin Hong said, "GIST's motto of allowing me to experience everything I want to do, such as being a public relations ambassador, a dance club member, an exchange student, or working at a newspaper, has been the greatest help in my life. It is very fortunate to be given the opportunity to challenge anything I want to do, and I hope that when you become a college student, you will enjoy your one and only college life to the fullest and experience everything you can."

In addition, the admission information session held by the admissions team attracted the attention of the middle and high school mentees as they received practical information on what and how to prepare for admission to GIST.

Meanwhile, Dr. Fatemeh and Jeong-Sheng, both Iranian nationals who were selected as mentors for foreign students earlier this year, shared their experiences at GIST as foreign students.

One of the mentee students who attended that day said, "It was great to visit the GIST campus and meet my mentor in person. I was able to ask questions about college life and my major, which was a great help in resolving my curiosity."

International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim said, "In the future, GIST will do its best to spread a sound scientific culture and lay the foundation for nurturing future scientific talents by providing various programs that can help local middle and high school students choose career paths in the science and technology field."