Across California, thousands of professionals have helped Puente students build a bridge to college and career success. By becoming a Puente mentor, you too can help the next generation realize their dreams. And as a Puente mentor, you will become part of a statewide network of professionals who share your interest in education and community.

What is Puente?
The Puente Project is a national-award winning program that has helped thousands of educationally underserved students succeed in school and college through teaching, counseling, and mentoring. Puente currently serves students in 46 community colleges and 33 high schools throughout California.

What do Puente mentors do?
• Introduce students to careers and workplaces
• Share their strategies for overcoming obstacles
• Show by example that academic and career goals can be met
• Provide resources for student writing assignment about culture and community

Who are Puente mentors?
Over 4,000 professionals have been recruited and trained to serve as mentors to Puente students. Puente’s mentors come from a wide variety of professions: doctors, teachers, judges, engineers, social workers, city officials, police officers, community organizers, and many others. Over 400 businesses and community-based organizations have donated scholarships, facilities, and other resources to the Puente Project.

“I don’t want these young people to struggle like I did when they can have the benefit of our experience.”
—P.V., Puente mentor

“My mentor is someone who has been through it, and she’s there for me.”
—J.R., Puente student

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