Why Participate in Co-Curricular Student Activities?

1. Know Your Students
   - Meet your students face-to-face and help them feel welcome and valued as unique individuals, not “just numbers”. Understand the needs, priorities, and strengths of your current student cohort as you enjoy the rewards of personal communication.

2. Break Boundaries
   - Breaking boundaries between academia and social experiences helps both student and faculty success – for example, small group work between student and faculty can lead to meaningful and productive learning.

3. Balance Challenge and Support
   - Extra-curricular interactions with faculty help students develop and become aware of traits linked to resiliency such as intrapersonal skills, adaptability, and stress management – all of them correlated with higher CGPA and retention.

4. Encourage Resiliency
   - A good balance between challenge and support promotes learning. Regular direct interactions provides strong support – a rare opportunity within a typical large course environment.

5. Help Them Grow
   - Students, as leaders and workers of the future, require the ability to design, synthesize, storytell, empathize and understand meanings. Interacting with faculty outside classroom can catalyze their development as whole individuals.

6. Be a Role Model
   - Promote rigorous intellectual work, mastery of knowledge and skills, and help students make connections between their studies and their future plans.

7. Build Your Network
   - Meet engaged, aspiring students and create a pool of potential candidates for your ROPs, TA and RA positions and other opportunities. Help nurture the next generation of scholars in your field and beyond.

8. Support Your Career Advancement
   - All instructors participating in student co-curricular engagement initiatives with CSE receive official detailed letters of recognition to boost their PTR files and CVs on an annual basis.