Relationship Networking in Computer Science: How to make it work for you!
Introduction

A female executive noted about relationship networking:

“It’s not what you know that counts, it’s who knows that you know”!
Relationship Networking

- Is the art of meeting people and benefiting from these relationships
- Often the benefit is to obtain information that leads to your growth and development
- Effective relationship networking is about building and maintaining lasting connections with peers and supervisors over time (Houseley, 2005).
Networking and Relationships

High quality work and learning environments in CS have:

- Good working relationships between faculty and students
- Supportive classmate relationships
- Opportunities to balance the challenges of work, school, and home
Good Working Relationships for Faculty & Students

- Students need to feel comfortable asking questions
- Additional bonding can develop when students talk to faculty after class and during office hours
- Students can attend optional seminars
- Participating in faculty research projects allows students and faculty to learn more about each other and can lead to mentorships and role models
Supportive Peers

- Exchange email and phone numbers with several classmates in order to ask questions or share information
- Learn how to get the most from peer and group activities
- Organize or join a study group before tests and major projects
Balancing Work, School, & Home

- Use academic advisors to get the best advice about completing your major
- Join professional student organizations that offer advice on balancing multiple demands for your time
- Make sure that you get any needed help with study, time management, and organizational skills from university services
- Take the time to enjoy the different components of your life and give yourself breaks!