

## Directions for BYU Connect

**\*\*This method takes about 10 minutes but provides many more benefits to both physicians/alumni and students.\*\***

BYU and the Church Education System has invested in a system designed to connect students with those willing to support and mentor students. This system is called BYU Connect <https://www.ldscs.org/hub/byu/>. This system is similar to other social media platforms you may be familiar with. This system will enable students to directly view your profile and to connect with you using parameters that you have provided. This system provides you with control over how many students can contact you, what they can contact you about, etc. This system was specifically designed to facilitate connections between alumni/friends and students and works well. However, there are several steps to set up an account.

For BYU alumni:

- 1) We encourage you to use your BYU NetID if you are an alumnus. To find or obtain a NetID you will need to go here. <https://y.byu.edu/ry/ae/prod/person/cgi/createNetId.cgi>
- 2) Once you have a NetID, go here <https://www.ldscs.org/hub/byu/> and click on 'Join Today' and then create a new account using your 'School ID'. Once you have an account, you will need to populate your profile, select those areas of mentoring you're interested in, etc. BYU Connect also allows you to directly import your LinkedIn information if you have an active LinkedIn account.
- 3) Once your account is active, students can search for you, find you, and then reach out directly with questions, requests for mentoring, interviews, etc.

For friends of BYU:

- 1) If you are a friend (not alumnus) of BYU, you can still sign up and utilize the system without using a BYU NetID. Simply click on 'Join Today' and then use your LinkedIn account or input your information. Once you have an account, you will need to populate your profile, select those areas of mentoring you're interested in, etc.
- 2) BYU Connect also allows you to directly import your LinkedIn information if you have an active LinkedIn account.
- 3) Once your account is active, students can search for you, find you, and then reach out directly with questions, requests for mentoring, interviews, etc.