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Who Are Your BCF's?

Who are your Best Career Friends (BCF's)? Here's how Danielle describes her BCF's in a recent [blog post](#):

We are all friends, but not close friends. We know each other's families and spouses, but not so well that we know what they've been up to. We all work in different industries and aren't familiar with co-workers or job duties. This might sound like acquaintances, but what we have rises way above friendship. It is an unquestioned assumption that we genuinely want to share in each other's professional success. It is a foundation that was built over many years of honestly telling each other what we think and making suggestions for improvement that you might not give a close friend or family member. We try to get together once a year. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Whether it does or not, I know if I need honest career advice it is a phone call or email away. This is what I mean by a Best Career Friend.

BCF's understand your passions and the steps you have taken along your career path. They know your definition of career success. And they aren't intimately tied to your workplace and day-to-day interactions so can have a fresh view of your career situations. BCF's can provide that outside perspective to help keep you on track with your career goals.

Identify your BCF's and be sure to nurture those relationships regularly.

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