

Phase 4: Frontend Development - Complete Guide

Part 2: Homepage & Enhanced Dashboard

Week 4-5: Days 1-4

What You'll Build

In this part, you will create:

1. Professional Homepage (Landing Page)
 2. Hero Section with Call-to-Action
 3. Platform Statistics Display
 4. Featured Events & Jobs
 5. Enhanced Dashboard with Dynamic Content
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Step 1: Create Homepage

 File: `(index.php)` (Root Directory)

Location: `(alumni-portal/index.php)`

What it includes:

- Hero section with introduction
- Platform statistics
- Features showcase
- Call-to-action buttons
- Recent activity preview

Instructions:

1. Navigate to: `(alumni-portal/)` (root folder)
2. Create or replace file: `(index.php)`
3. Copy this complete code:

```
php

<?php

// Include required files
require_once 'config/database.php';
require_once 'includes/functions.php';

// If user is already logged in, redirect to dashboard
if (isLoggedIn()) {
    header("Location: pages/dashboard.php");
    exit();
}

// Create database connection
$database = new Database();
$conn = $database->getConnection();

// Get platform statistics
$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_users = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE user_type = 'student' AND status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_students = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE user_type = 'alumni' AND status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_alumni = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM mentorship_matches WHERE status IN ('active', 'accepted')";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_connections = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

// Get recent events (top 3)
$query = "SELECT e.*, u.user_type, p.first_name, p.last_name
FROM events e
INNER JOIN users u ON e.created_by = u.user_id
INNER JOIN profiles p ON e.created_by = p.user_id
WHERE e.event_date >= NOW()
ORDER BY e.event_date ASC
LIMIT 3";
```

```
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);  
$stmt->execute();  
$recent_events = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
```

// Get recent jobs (top 3)

```
$query = "SELECT j.*, p.first_name, p.last_name, p.company  
FROM jobs j  
INNER JOIN profiles p ON j.posted_by = p.user_id  
WHERE j.status = 'active' AND j.application_deadline >= CURDATE()  
ORDER BY j.posted_date DESC  
LIMIT 3";
```

```
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
```

```
$stmt->execute();
```

```
$recent_jobs = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
```

```
?>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
```

```
<html lang="en">
```

```
<head>
```

```
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
```

```
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
```

```
    <title>Alumni-Student Connection Platform</title>
```

```
    <link rel="stylesheet" href="assets/css/style.css">
```

```
    <style>
```

```
        /* Hero Section */
```

```
.hero {
```

```
    background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);
```

```
    color: white;
```

```
    padding: 100px 20px;
```

```
    text-align: center;
```

```
}
```

```
.hero h1 {
```

```
    font-size: 48px;
```

```
    margin-bottom: 20px;
```

```
    color: white;
```

```
    animation: fadeIn 1s ease;
```

```
}
```

```
.hero p {
```

```
    font-size: 20px;
```

```
    margin-bottom: 40px;
```

```
    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.9);
```

```
    max-width: 600px;
```

```
    margin-left: auto;
```

```
    margin-right: auto;
```

```
}
```

```
.hero-buttons {
  display: flex;
  gap: 20px;
  justify-content: center;
  flex-wrap: wrap;
}

.hero .btn {
  padding: 15px 40px;
  font-size: 18px;
}

.btn-white {
  background: white;
  color: #667eea;
}

.btn-white:hover {
  background: #f8f9fa;
}

/* Stats Section */
.stats-section {
  padding: 60px 20px;
  background: white;
}

.stats-grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(200px, 1fr));
  gap: 30px;
  max-width: 1200px;
  margin: 0 auto;
}

.stat-item {
  text-align: center;
  padding: 20px;
}

.stat-number {
  font-size: 48px;
  font-weight: 700;
  color: #667eea;
  margin-bottom: 10px;
}
```

```
.stat-label {
    font-size: 16px;
    color: #666;
    text-transform: uppercase;
    letter-spacing: 1px;
}

/* Features Section */

.features-section {
    padding: 80px 20px;
    background: #f8f9fa;
}

.section-title {
    text-align: center;
    font-size: 36px;
    margin-bottom: 50px;
    color: #2c3e50;
}

.features-grid {
    display: grid;
    grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(300px, 1fr));
    gap: 30px;
    max-width: 1200px;
    margin: 0 auto;
}

.feature-card {
    background: white;
    padding: 40px;
    border-radius: 10px;
    box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
    text-align: center;
    transition: transform 0.3s ease;
}

.feature-card:hover {
    transform: translateY(-10px);
}

.feature-icon {
    font-size: 48px;
    margin-bottom: 20px;
}
```

```
.feature-card h3 {  
    font-size: 24px;  
    margin-bottom: 15px;  
    color: #2c3e50;  
}  
  
.feature-card p {  
    color: #666;  
    line-height: 1.6;  
}  
  
/* Recent Content Section */  
.recent-section {  
    padding: 80px 20px;  
    background: white;  
}  
  
.content-grid {  
    display: grid;  
    grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(300px, 1fr));  
    gap: 20px;  
    max-width: 1200px;  
    margin: 40px auto 0;  
}  
  
.content-card {  
    background: white;  
    border: 1px solid #e0e0e0;  
    border-radius: 10px;  
    padding: 20px;  
    transition: all 0.3s ease;  
}  
  
.content-card:hover {  
    box-shadow: 0 8px 16px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);  
    border-color: #667eea;  
}  
  
.content-card h4 {  
    color: #2c3e50;  
    margin-bottom: 10px;  
    font-size: 18px;  
}  
  
.content-meta {
```

```
font-size: 14px;  
color: #999;  
margin-bottom: 10px;  
}  
  
.content-card p {  
color: #666;  
font-size: 14px;  
margin-bottom: 15px;  
}  
  
/* CTA Section */  
.cta-section {  
background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);  
color: white;  
padding: 80px 20px;  
text-align: center;  
}  
  
.cta-section h2 {  
font-size: 36px;  
margin-bottom: 20px;  
color: white;  
}  
  
.cta-section p {  
font-size: 18px;  
margin-bottom: 40px;  
color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.9);  
}  
  
/* Footer */  
.footer {  
background: #2c3e50;  
color: white;  
padding: 40px 20px;  
text-align: center;  
}  
  
.footer p {  
color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.8);  
}  
  
@media (max-width: 768px) {  
.hero h1 {  
font-size: 32px;  
}
```

```
.hero p {
    font-size: 16px;
}

.stat-number {
    font-size: 36px;
}

}
</style>
</head>
<body>
<!-- Navigation -->
<nav class="navbar">
    <div class="navbar-container">
        <a href="index.php" class="navbar-brand">🎓 Alumni Portal</a>
        <ul class="navbar-menu">
            <li><a href="pages/login.php">Login</a></li>
            <li><a href="pages/register.php" class="btn btn-primary btn-sm">Get Started</a></li>
        </ul>
    </div>
</nav>

<!-- Hero Section -->
<section class="hero">
    <div class="container">
        <h1>Connect. Learn. Grow.</h1>
        <p>Bridge the gap between students and alumni. Find mentors, explore opportunities, and build meaningful connections.
        <div class="hero-buttons">
            <a href="pages/register.php" class="btn btn-white btn-lg">Join Now</a>
            <a href="#features" class="btn btn-outline btn-lg" style="color: white; border-color: white;">Learn More</a>
        </div>
    </div>
</section>

<!-- Statistics Section -->
<section class="stats-section">
    <div class="stats-grid">
        <div class="stat-item">
            <div class="stat-number"><?php echo $total_users; ?></div>
            <div class="stat-label">Total Members</div>
        </div>
        <div class="stat-item">
            <div class="stat-number"><?php echo $total_students; ?></div>
            <div class="stat-label">Active Students</div>
        </div>
    </div>
</section>
```

```
<div class="stat-item">
    <div class="stat-number"><?php echo $total_alumni; ?></div>
    <div class="stat-label">Alumni Network</div>
</div>
<div class="stat-item">
    <div class="stat-number"><?php echo $total_connections; ?></div>
    <div class="stat-label">Connections Made</div>
</div>
</div>
</section>

<!-- Features Section -->
<section class="features-section" id="features">
    <h2 class="section-title">What We Offer</h2>
    <div class="features-grid">
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Mentorship Matching</h3>
            <p>Connect students with experienced alumni based on shared interests, skills, and career goals.</p>
        </div>
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Discussion Forum</h3>
            <p>Ask questions, share experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations with the community.</p>
        </div>
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Job Opportunities</h3>
            <p>Discover internships and job openings posted by alumni and industry professionals.</p>
        </div>
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Networking Events</h3>
            <p>Attend workshops, seminars, and networking events to expand your professional network.</p>
        </div>
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Career Resources</h3>
            <p>Access career guidance, resume tips, and interview preparation from experienced professionals.</p>
        </div>
        <div class="feature-card">
            <div class="feature-icon"></div>
            <h3>Skill Development</h3>
            <p>Showcase your skills and learn from others' expertise to advance your career.</p>
        </div>
    </div>
</div>
```

```
<!-- Recent Events -->
<?php if (count($recent_events) > 0): ?>
<section class="recent-section">
    <h2 class="section-title">Upcoming Events</h2>
    <div class="content-grid">
        <?php foreach ($recent_events as $event): ?>
        <div class="content-card">
            <h4><?php echo htmlspecialchars($event['title']); ?></h4>
            <div class="content-meta">
                 <?php echo date('F j, Y', strtotime($event['event_date'])); ?> |
                 <?php echo htmlspecialchars($event['location']); ?>
            </div>
            <p><?php echo substr(htmlspecialchars($event['description']), 0, 100); ?>...</p>
            <span class="badge badge-primary"><?php echo ucfirst($event['event_type']); ?></span>
        </div>
        <?php endforeach; ?>
    </div>
</section>
<?php endif; ?>
```

```
<!-- Recent Jobs -->
<?php if (count($recent_jobs) > 0): ?>
<section class="recent-section" style="background: #f8f9fa;">
    <h2 class="section-title">Latest Job Opportunities</h2>
    <div class="content-grid">
        <?php foreach ($recent_jobs as $job): ?>
        <div class="content-card">
            <h4><?php echo htmlspecialchars($job['title']); ?></h4>
            <div class="content-meta">
                 <?php echo htmlspecialchars($job['company']); ?> |
                 <?php echo htmlspecialchars($job['location']); ?>
            </div>
            <p><?php echo substr(htmlspecialchars($job['description']), 0, 100); ?>...</p>
            <span class="badge badge-success"><?php echo ucfirst(str_replace('-', ' ', $job['job_type'])); ?></span>
        </div>
        <?php endforeach; ?>
    </div>
</section>
<?php endif; ?>
```

```
<!-- Call to Action -->
<section class="cta-section">
    <div class="container">
        <h2>Ready to Get Started?</h2>
        <p>Join our community of students and alumni today!</p>
```

```
<a href="pages/register.php" class="btn btn-white btn-lg">Create Your Account</a>
</div>
</section>

<!-- Footer -->
<footer class="footer">
  <div class="container">
    <p>&copy; 2024 Alumni-Student Connection Platform. All rights reserved.</p>
    <p>Developed by Kareem Moemen Mounir & Youssef Fouad Hassan</p>
  </div>
</footer>
</body>
</html>
```

Step 2: Enhanced Dashboard

 File: [\(pages/dashboard.php\)](#) (Enhanced Version)

What's new:

- Better layout and design
- Quick stats cards
- Recent activity feed
- User-specific content based on user type

Instructions:

1. Open: [\(pages/dashboard.php\)](#)
2. Replace the entire file with this enhanced version:

```
php

<?php

// Include required files
require_once '../config/database.php';
require_once '../includes/functions.php';

// Require login
requireLogin();

// Get user information
$user_id = getUserId();
$user_type = getUserType();
$user_email = getUserEmail();

// Create database connection
$database = new Database();
$conn = $database->getConnection();

// Get user profile information
$query = "SELECT p.*, u.email, u.registration_date
    FROM profiles p
    INNER JOIN users u ON p.user_id = u.user_id
    WHERE p.user_id = :user_id";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->bindParam(':user_id', $user_id);
$stmt->execute();
$profile = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);

// Get platform statistics
$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_users = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE user_type = 'student' AND status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_students = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM users WHERE user_type = 'alumni' AND status = 'active'";
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_alumni = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

$query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM mentorship_matches WHERE status IN ('active', 'pending')";

```

```

$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$total_matches = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

// Get user-specific data based on user type
if ($user_type === 'student') {
    // Get student's mentorship requests
    $query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM mentorship_matches
              WHERE student_id = :user_id AND status = 'pending'";
    $stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
    $stmt->bindParam(':user_id', $user_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $pending_requests = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

    // Get suggested mentors (alumni with similar major)
    $query = "SELECT p.*, u.user_id
              FROM profiles p
              INNER JOIN users u ON p.user_id = u.user_id
              WHERE u.user_type = 'alumni'
                AND u.status = 'active'
                AND p.major = :major
                AND u.user_id != :user_id
              LIMIT 3";
    $stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
    $stmt->bindParam(':major', $profile['major']);
    $stmt->bindParam(':user_id', $user_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $suggested_mentors = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);

} elseif ($user_type === 'alumni') {
    // Get mentorship requests for alumni
    $query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM mentorship_matches
              WHERE alumni_id = :user_id AND status = 'pending'";
    $stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
    $stmt->bindParam(':user_id', $user_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $pending_requests = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];

    // Get jobs posted by this alumni
    $query = "SELECT COUNT(*) as total FROM jobs
              WHERE posted_by = :user_id AND status = 'active'";
    $stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
    $stmt->bindParam(':user_id', $user_id);
    $stmt->execute();
    $my_jobs = $stmt->fetch(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC)['total'];
}

```

```
// Get recent forum posts
$query = "SELECT fp.*, p.first_name, p.last_name, u.user_type,
    (SELECT COUNT(*) FROM forum_replies WHERE post_id = fp.post_id) as reply_count
FROM forum_posts fp
INNER JOIN users u ON fp.user_id = u.user_id
INNER JOIN profiles p ON fp.user_id = p.user_id
ORDER BY fp.created_at DESC
LIMIT 5";
```

```
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$recent_posts = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
```

```
// Get upcoming events
```

```
$query = "SELECT e.*, p.first_name, p.last_name
FROM events e
INNER JOIN profiles p ON e.created_by = p.user_id
WHERE e.event_date >= NOW()
ORDER BY e.event_date ASC
LIMIT 3";
```

```
$stmt = $conn->prepare($query);
$stmt->execute();
$upcoming_events = $stmt->fetchAll(PDO::FETCH_ASSOC);
?>
```

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
<head>
<meta charset="UTF-8">
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
<title>Dashboard - Alumni Portal</title>
<link rel="stylesheet" href="../assets/css/style.css">
<style>
body {
background: #f5f7fa;
}
```

```
.dashboard-grid {
display: grid;
grid-template-columns: 2fr 1fr;
gap: 20px;
margin-top: 20px;
}
```

```
.main-content {
display: flex;
flex-direction: column;
```

```
gap: 20px;
}

.sidebar {
  display: flex;
  flex-direction: column;
  gap: 20px;
}

.welcome-card {
  background: linear-gradient(135deg, #667eea 0%, #764ba2 100%);
  color: white;
  padding: 30px;
  border-radius: 10px;
  box-shadow: 0 4px 6px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
}

.welcome-card h2 {
  color: white;
  margin-bottom: 10px;
}

.welcome-card p {
  color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.9);
}

.stats-mini-grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(auto-fit, minmax(150px, 1fr));
  gap: 15px;
}

.stat-mini-card {
  background: white;
  padding: 20px;
  border-radius: 8px;
  text-align: center;
  box-shadow: 0 2px 4px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.1);
}

.stat-mini-card h3 {
  font-size: 32px;
  color: #667eea;
  margin-bottom: 5px;
}

.stat-mini-card p {
```

```
.stat-item .content p {
    font-size: 14px;
    color: #666;
    margin: 0;
}

.activity-item {
    display: flex;
    gap: 15px;
    padding: 15px;
    border-bottom: 1px solid #f0f0f0;
}

.activity-item:last-child {
    border-bottom: none;
}

.activity-icon {
    width: 40px;
    height: 40px;
    background: #667eea;
    color: white;
    border-radius: 50%;
    display: flex;
    align-items: center;
    justify-content: center;
    font-size: 18px;
    flex-shrink: 0;
}

.activity-content {
    flex: 1;
}

.activity-content h4 {
    font-size: 16px;
    margin-bottom: 5px;
}

.activity-content p {
    font-size: 14px;
    color: #666;
    margin: 0;
}

.activity-meta {
    font-size: 12px;
```

```
color: #999;
margin-top: 5px;
}

.action-grid {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(2, 1fr);
  gap: 10px;
}

.action-card {
  padding: 20px;
  background: white;
  border-radius: 8px;
  text-align: center;
  text-decoration: none;
  color: inherit;
  transition: all 0.3s ease;
  border: 2px solid transparent;
}

.action-card:hover {
  border-color: #667eea;
  transform: translateY(-3px);
}

.action-card .icon {
  font-size: 32px;
  margin-bottom: 10px;
}

.action-card h4 {
  font-size: 14px;
  margin: 0;
  color: #2c3e50;
}

.event-item {
  padding: 15px;
  border-left: 4px solid #667eea;
  background: #f8f9fa;
  border-radius: 5px;
  margin-bottom: 10px;
}

.event-item h4 {
  font-size: 16px;
```

```

        font-size: 10px,
        margin-bottom: 5px;
    }

.event-meta {
    font-size: 13px;
    color: #666;
}

@media (max-width: 968px) {
    .dashboard-grid {
        grid-template-columns: 1fr;
    }

    .action-grid {
        grid-template-columns: repeat(2, 1fr);
    }
}

@media (max-width: 576px) {
    .stats-mini-grid {
        grid-template-columns: repeat(2, 1fr);
    }
}

</style>
</head>
<body>

<!-- Navigation --&gt;
&lt;nav class="navbar"&gt;

    &lt;div class="navbar-container"&gt;
        &lt;a href="../index.php" class="navbar-brand"&gt;🎓 Alumni Portal&lt;/a&gt;
        &lt;ul class="navbar-menu"&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="dashboard.php" class="active"&gt;Dashboard&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="profile.php"&gt;Profile&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="matching.php"&gt;Matching&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="forum.php"&gt;Forum&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="jobs.php"&gt;Jobs&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="events.php"&gt;Events&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;
                &lt;span class="badge badge-secondary"&gt;&lt;?php echo ucfirst($user_type); ?&gt;&lt;/span&gt;
            &lt;/li&gt;
            &lt;li&gt;&lt;a href="logout.php"&gt;Logout&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/li&gt;
        &lt;/ul&gt;
    &lt;/div&gt;
&lt;/nav&gt;

&lt;div class="container" style="margin-top: 30px;"&gt;
</pre>

```

```

<?php
$success = getSuccess();
if ($success):
?>
<div class="alert alert-success"><?php echo $success; ?></div>
<?php endif; ?>

<!-- Welcome Card -->
<div class="welcome-card">
    <h2>Welcome back, <?php echo htmlspecialchars($profile['first_name']); ?>! 🙌</h2>
    <p>Member since <?php echo formatDate($profile['registration_date']); ?></p>
</div>

<!-- Platform Stats -->
<div class="stats-mini-grid" style="margin-top: 20px;">
    <div class="stat-mini-card">
        <h3><?php echo $total_users; ?></h3>
        <p>Total Members</p>
    </div>
    <div class="stat-mini-card">
        <h3><?php echo $total_students; ?></h3>
        <p>Students</p>
    </div>
    <div class="stat-mini-card">
        <h3><?php echo $total_alumni; ?></h3>
        <p>Alumni</p>
    </div>
    <div class="stat-mini-card">
        <h3><?php echo $total_matches; ?></h3>
        <p>Connections</p>
    </div>
</div>

<!-- Dashboard Grid -->
<div class="dashboard-grid">
    <!-- Main Content -->
    <div class="main-content">
        <!-- Quick Actions -->
        <div class="card">
            <div class="card-header">
                <h3>Quick Actions</h3>
            </div>
            <div class="card-body">
                <div class="action-grid">
                    <a href="profile.php" class="action-card">
                        <div class="icon">👤</div>
                    </a>
                </div>
            </div>
        </div>
    </div>
</div>

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<h4>My Profile</h4>
</a>
<a href="matching.php" class="action-card">
    <div class="icon">🤝</div>
    <h4>Find Mentors</h4>
</a>
<a href="forum.php" class="action-card">
    <div class="icon">💬</div>
    <h4>Forum</h4>
</a>
<a href="jobs.php" class="action-card">
    <div class="icon">💼</div>
    <h4>Job Board</h4>
</a>
<a href="events.php" class="action-card">
    <div class="icon">📅</div>
    <h4>Events</h4>
</a>
<a href="manage_skills.php" class="action-card">
    <div class="icon">⚡</div>
    <h4>Skills</h4>
</a>
</div>
</div>
</div>

<!-- Recent Forum Activity -->
<div class="card">
    <div class="card-header">
        <h3>Recent Forum Activity</h3>
    </div>
    <div class="card-body">
        <?php if(count($recent_posts) > 0): ?>
        <?php foreach ($recent_posts as $post): ?>
            <div class="activity-item">
                <div class="activity-icon">💬</div>
                <div class="activity-content">
                    <h4><?php echo htmlspecialchars($post['title']); ?></h4>
                    <p><?php echo substr(htmlspecialchars($post['content']), 0, 100); ?>...</p>
                    <div class="activity-meta">
                        By <?php echo htmlspecialchars($post['first_name'] . ' ' . $post['last_name']); ?> •
                        <?php echo timeAgo($post['created_at']); ?> •
                        <?php echo $post['reply_count']; ?> replies
                    </div>
                </div>
            </div>
        <?php endforeach; ?>
    </div>
</div>

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<?php else: ?>
    <p class="text-muted">No forum activity yet.</p>
<?php endif; ?>
</div>
<div class="card-footer">
    <a href="forum.php" class="btn btn-outline">View All Posts</a>
</div>
</div>
</div>

<!-- Sidebar -->
<div class="sidebar">
    <!-- User-specific Card -->
    <?php if ($user_type === 'student'): ?>
    <div class="card">
        <div class="card-header">
            <h3>Your Stats</h3>
        </div>
        <div class="card-body">
            <div class="stat-mini-card" style="margin-bottom: 15px;">
                <h3><?php echo $pending_requests; ?></h3>
                <p>Pending Requests</p>
            </div>
            <a href="matching.php" class="btn btn-primary btn-block">Find Mentors</a>
        </div>
    </div>
    <?php if (count($suggested_mentors) > 0): ?>
    <div class="card">
        <div class="card-header">
            <h3>Suggested Mentors</h3>
        </div>
        <div class="card-body">
            <?php foreach ($suggested_mentors as $mentor): ?>
            <div class="activity-item">
                <div class="activity-icon">👤</div>
                <div class="activity-content">
                    <h4><?php echo htmlspecialchars($mentor['first_name'] . ' ' . $mentor['last_name']); ?></h4>
                    <p><?php echo htmlspecialchars($mentor['major']); ?></p>
                    <?php if (!empty($mentor['company'])): ?>
                    <div class="activity-meta">🏢 <?php echo htmlspecialchars($mentor['company']); ?></div>
                    <?php endif; ?>
                </div>
            </div>
            <?php endforeach; ?>
        </div>
    </div>

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<div class="card-footer">
    <a href="matching.php" class="btn btn-outline btn-block">View All</a>
</div>
</div>
<?php endif; ?>

<?php elseif ($user_type === 'alumni'): ?>
<div class="card">
    <div class="card-header">
        <h3>Your Activity</h3>
    </div>
    <div class="card-body">
        <div class="stats-mini-grid" style="grid-template-columns: 1fr;">
            <div class="stat-mini-card" style="margin-bottom: 10px;">
                <h3><?php echo $pending_requests; ?></h3>
                <p>Mentorship Requests</p>
            </div>
            <div class="stat-mini-card">
                <h3><?php echo $my_jobs; ?></h3>
                <p>Active Job Posts</p>
            </div>
        </div>
        <a href="jobs.php?action=create" class="btn btn-primary btn-block" style="margin-top: 15px;">Post a Job</a>
    </div>
</div>
<?php endif; ?>

<!-- Upcoming Events -->
<div class="card">
    <div class="card-header">
        <h3>Upcoming Events</h3>
    </div>
    <div class="card-body">
        <?php if (count($upcoming_events) > 0): ?>
            <?php foreach ($upcoming_events as $event): ?>
                <div class="event-item">
                    <h4><?php echo htmlspecialchars($event['title']); ?></h4>
                    <div class="event-meta">
                         <?php echo formatDate($event['event_date']); ?><br>
                         <?php echo htmlspecialchars($event['location']); ?>
                    </div>
                </div>
            <?php endforeach; ?>
        <?php else: ?>
            <p class="text-muted">No upcoming events.</p>
        <?php endif; ?>
    </div>
</div>
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</div>
<div class="card-footer">
    <a href="events.php" class="btn btn-outline btn-block">View All Events</a>
</div>
</div>
</div>
</div>
</body>
</html>
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