




Welcome

Mentor Orientation
September 16, 2009



Announcements

- Scholars Club
- Notify PL staff of any mentee news
- Project Leadership website:
www.projectleadership.org




Student Surveys

- My mentor helps me challenge myself to succeed - 66%
- My mentor praises me and encourages me to do well - 70%
- My mentor is always there for me - 73%
- Meeting with my mentor is fun - 77%
- I am able to discuss problems with my mentor - 73%
- I discuss with my mentor what I would like to do in the future - 78%
- Very positive experience in the mentoring program - 95%




Mentee/Mentor Activities

- Went to a college
- Played board games
- Portfolio
- Talked about grades and set goals
- Homework
- Read Books
- Made a quilt
- Went on Project Leadership trips



What Mentees Learned from their Mentors

- To always believe in yourself
- Anything is possible
- I am capable of making my own decisions
- Always keep your head up because someone is out there cheering you on
- I can do anything I set my heart to
- How to cope with problems
- Think outside the box



What did you like best about the mentoring program

- Able to talk to someone about my problems
- A break from other people
- Having someone I can look to for guidance
- I can express my feelings and thoughts openly without trouble
- It taught me to be a better person
- Time spent with an understanding adult figure
- Pretty much the whole shebang



What did you NOT like about the mentoring program

- Nothing
- Not enough time to spend with my mentor
- All we did was play games
- We only got to meet once a week at school
- That we couldn't go somewhere together in the car
- Didn't hang out enough




Final Comments from Mentees

- The Scholars Club at Marion and Mississinewa should combine. It would be more fun.
- I am happy with it. It's awesome.
- I want there to be more things to do and for activities to be relayed better. Sometimes I am unaware of what is occurring.
- More time at next year's anniversary
- More opportunities to get together and meet new people and make new friends.



Monthly Events


- Check 2009-2010 Event calendar for upcoming trips/activities
- Monthly trips/activities are OPTIONAL
- Mentees will not be allowed to take friends on trips
- Structured Monthly Mentor Meetings



Trainings

- Seven Trainings to choose from
October 2009 through April 2010
- Pick any two to fulfill mentor training requirements
- Must sign up in advance

2009/2010 Training Schedule			
Training Date	Training Audience	Topics	Speaker
September 16, 2009 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Lecture Hall September 22, 2009 6:00-8:00 - Ivy Tech Banquet Rm 102 MAKE UP SESSION	Mentors	Mentor Orientation 1 st year mentors - Relationship Building 2 nd and 3 rd Year Mentors (Discussion Opp)	
September 19, 2009 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. September 24, 2009 MAKE UP SESSION 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ivy Tech Banquet Room 102	Mentees/Parents	Mentee Orientation	Bill Millard (confirmed) 30 minutes Muncie District Office - Careers
October 20, 2009 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Cultural Dynamics	Karen Hinshaw kahinshaw@ivytech.edu (confirmed)
November 10, 2009 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Mentoring the adolescent: Family Issues Explore what the adolescence is really like today here in Grant County	Janice Adams (confirmed) jadams@faukneracademy.org
December 8, 2009 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Sexual Abuse	Janet Bailey (confirmed) First Light Child Advocacy Center
January 19, 2010 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Portfolio Development	Tammy Pearson
February 18, 2010 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Learning Styles and Tips Identify and understand learning styles to help your mentee grow	Jim Esberry (confirmed)
March 18, 2010 6:00-7:00 Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Anger Management Understand "trigger points" as well as win-win strategies for resolving power struggles Learn to help kids spot their hot buttons and replace "hot thoughts" with "cool thoughts"	Betsy Robinette (confirmed)
April 13, 2010 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ivy Tech Lecture Hall	Mentors	Teen Sexuality	Indya Morton indya@initforlife.org Crisis Management Center (confirmed)



Mentee Orientation

- Mentee Orientation – Saturday, Sept 19
- Mentees are requested to attend to learn new program expectations



Program Supervision

- Sign in sheets at each school
- Mentors must sign in weekly
- PL will collect the sheets on a weekly basis
- If a mentor has not signed in, PL will call the mentor
- If contact is not made within a week, PL will assume that the mentor is not continuing




Monthly Reports

- Simplified
- May be submitted by email, fax, or mail
- Due the 30th of each month




Portfolios

January 19, 2010 - Training Session
Portfolio Development



Policies and Procedures

Please sign the Mentor Agreement form and leave on the table.




Mentee Tips

- Schedule a meeting with school counselor
- Check grades electronically
- Sophomore level – register for PSAT
- Junior level – register for SAT & ACT
- Inquire about vouchers




Freshmen

- Use a tool to help match your interests to careers
- Work on completing a Graduation Plan
- Create a college information folder
- Start a list of all student activities




Sophomores

- Take the PSAT on October 14th
- Take the PLAN
- Take virtual tours of colleges
- Talk to guidance counselor about Advanced Placement classes




Juniors

- Register for Indiana's e-Transcript.
- Take the PSAT even if it was taken the previous year
- Review Career and Course Plan
- Take the SAT and ACT exam



EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS



a program for parents of Twenty-first Century Scholars

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PARENTS, IT'S YOUR TURN

FOLLOW YOUR DREAM TO GO TO COLLEGE.

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How you can grow your money

TAKE THIS QUIZ:

- Are you a Twenty-first Century Scholar parent or guardian?
- Do you have children who go to school in Grant County?
- Are you interested in attending college?
- Are you willing to save money to pursue your dream?

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Applications are being taken now for a limited number of Scholars' parents to take part in a program that provides them with funding for college. The Educational Development Account (EDA) program is a partnership between the Affordable Housing Corporation and Project Leadership.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Participants save \$500 per year (just a little more than \$40/month) for three years. In return, if all program requirements are met, participants can receive up to \$2,000 in matching funds and \$3,000 in program incentive funds. In addition, participants attend several financial education workshops each year.

In summary:

\$1,500	+	\$5,000	=	\$6,500
<i>(your savings)</i>		<i>(EDA funds)</i>		<i>(college fund for YOU)</i>

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Please complete the participant information form. If you are eligible, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment. Questions? Call Project Leadership at 765-651-0650 or visit its office at 505 W. Third St., Marion.



College Cost Estimators

Encourage your mentee to complete a College Cost Estimator – a pre-FAFSA that will help forecast the cost of 3 colleges of their choice.

Working on FAFSA day lab for all seniors this coming spring.



QUESTIONS?

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