

MENTOR AND MENTEE TO PRESENT RESEARCH AT CONFERENCE

Angelo Yeomans, a sophomore at Mississinewa High School, and his mentor Mike Manning are in their third year as part of Project Leadership's mentoring program. While they are certainly aware of the power of a strong mentoring relationship in their own lives, the pair were curious about the effect of mentoring on the lives of other students and adult participants in the program.



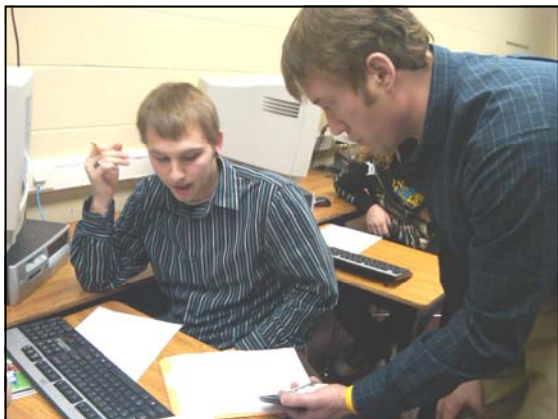
They developed their own surveys that were administered to mentors and mentees by hand and via the internet. Additionally the two of them were able to mine school attendance data for Twenty-first Century Scholars.

Angelo and Mike have worked over the last months to obtain and assemble their data and on March 5th they will have the opportunity to share what they've learned with the public. The pair have been invited to share the results of their

This winter, Manning and Yeomans decided to pick the minds of Project Leadership's mentors and mentees to learn more about topics ranging from family background relating to college attainment, participation in mentoring program activities and school attendance. For this study, Manning and Yeomans devel-

oped their own study at the Midwest Scholars Conference. The conference is sponsored by Indiana Wesleyan University, Taylor University and Grace College and is designed to give professionals a chance to learn more about what is working in the lives of young people. Manning and Yeomans will have the opportunity to present their research twice as part of the practices and research track. The conference will be held at Indiana Wesleyan's Indianapolis Center.

LOCAL SENIORS COMPLETE FAFSAS, PREPARE FOR COLLEGE



As part of your Twenty-first Century Scholars pledge, you've promised that, as a senior, you will complete the FAFSA in order to apply for financial aid. In the month of February, all of the seniors in Grant County had the opportunity to complete this form during their English classes. While the FAFSA application can sometimes seem daunting, staff from the guidance office, Project Leadership, The National Center for College Costs, Twenty-first Century Scholars and Ivy Tech Community College were on hand to answer questions and help students through the process of completing the online form.

After completing their online FAFSA applications students had the opportunity to speak with Brian Murray from the National Center for College Costs. Brian was able to give each student an idea of how much

financial aid they could expect to receive and which schools might be the best financial fit. After participating in FAFSA days at each of Grant County's high schools, Murray estimated that senior students who were able to complete the FAFSA would be able to access upwards of \$450,000 for their post-high school educations.

While there are currently no seniors in the mentoring program, we encourage you to remind any seniors you know to complete the FAFSA before the March 10th deadline. EVERYONE planning on continuing their education after high school must complete this form. For more information, log on to: www.fafsa.ed.gov

THINGS TO DO!



Despite coming in like a lion, March promises to be a great month for mentors and mentees to get out and do things in and around Grant County. Take advantage of your spring break and schedule some fun vacation activities right in your own backyard! Here are just a couple of ideas.

Winter Bull Riding Series

Sponsored by the Grant County Fair Board and Gipson Bucking Bulls, this series promises non-stop action as cowboys mount-up for the top prize. This event will be held inside the heated Meijer Pavilion.

March 5, 12, 19, and 26
7:30 p.m.

Grant County's 4H Fairgrounds
\$8

Marion Philharmonic's Readers Theatre: "The Wizard of Oz"

Join the MPO for a special, musical presentation of L. Frank Baum's classic story. With help from the talents of Marion's Civic Theatre and the Community School of the Arts, the MPO will bring the tale of Dorothy Gale alive with music.

March 13

Walton Performing Arts Center
6 - 8 pm

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 Winter Bull Riding Series @ 4H Fairgrounds, Marion 7:30 p.m.	6
7	8 Structured Meeting Oak Hill After School	9 Structured Meeting Miss. and M-G After School	10 FAFSA DEADLINE! Mississinewa and Marion Scholars Club Structured Meeting Marion After School	11 Structured Meeting Eastbrook After School	12 Winter Bull Riding Series @ 4H Fairgrounds, Marion 7:30 p.m.	13 Marion Philharmonic Orchestra's Readers Theatre "Wizard of Oz" @ Walton PAC 7:30
14	15	16	17	18 Mentor Training: Anger Management @ Ivy Tech 7-6 p.m.	19 No School: Marion High School Winter Bull Riding Series @ 4H Fairgrounds, Marion 7:30 p.m.	20
21	22	23	24	25 M&M Night @ PL's Offices 6-8 p.m.	26 Winter Bull Riding Series @ 4H Fairgrounds, Marion 7:30 p.m.	27
ALL GRANT COUNTY SCHOOLS ON SPRING BREAK 22-26 SCHOOLS BACK IN SESSION ON MARCH 29TH						
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PHOTOS FROM PROJECT LEADERSHIP'S 2010 BOWLING PARTY



On Saturday, March 13th, Project Leadership held its third annual bowling party for mentors, mentees and families at the Plaza Bowl.



Jessica Bartrum and her mentor Leah Shannon bask in the fluorescent glow of the black light as they wait their turn to bowl.



Kileigh Brankle and mentor Linda Lowe greet mentors and mentees arriving to Project Leadership's bowling party.