



MENTORING THIS MONTH

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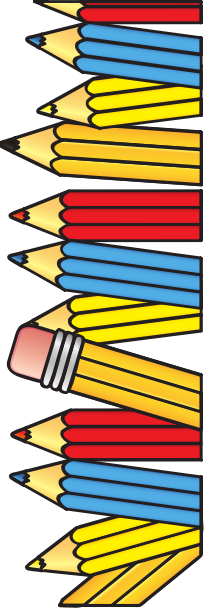
Welcome to our 14th cohort and their mentors to the Montgomery County Ohio College Promise (MCOCP) family and our returning mentors and mentees! For our 11th cohort mentors and mentees, this is your last “start-of-school” with us. This will be a busy, yet exhilarating year for you as you navigate senior year. Whether you are a newly minted mentor or a seasoned one, we’re so happy that you are willing to provide your time, support and nurturing to our scholars and assist them on their high school and college journeys. We can’t thank you enough.

Though the weather reminds us that summer is in full bloom, the calendar says otherwise. Fall is coming and with that, the 2024-25 school year begins soon for most of our local districts. Soon, you’ll have an opportunity to meet with your mentee in their home schools on a regular basis. We hope that you’re looking forward to connecting, reconnecting and bonding with these young people. We’re excited for what lies ahead.

As a reminder, please remember that we’re here to assist in any way that we can. Our contact information is below.

- Patrick Gill, Executive Director: pgill@daytonfoundation.org, 937.225.9922
- Jennifer “Jenni” Guanciale, Program Coordinator: jguanciale@daytonfoundation.org, 937.225-9957
- Kyra Robinson, Student Support Specialist: krobinson@daytonfoundation.org, 937.225-9935

Last of all, please be sure to check out our “News You Can Use” section. In it, you can explore articles on student mental health, college access/college success, and college/career readiness. Please enjoy reading this edition, listening to the podcast, and finding fun things to do with your mentee.



BACK TO School

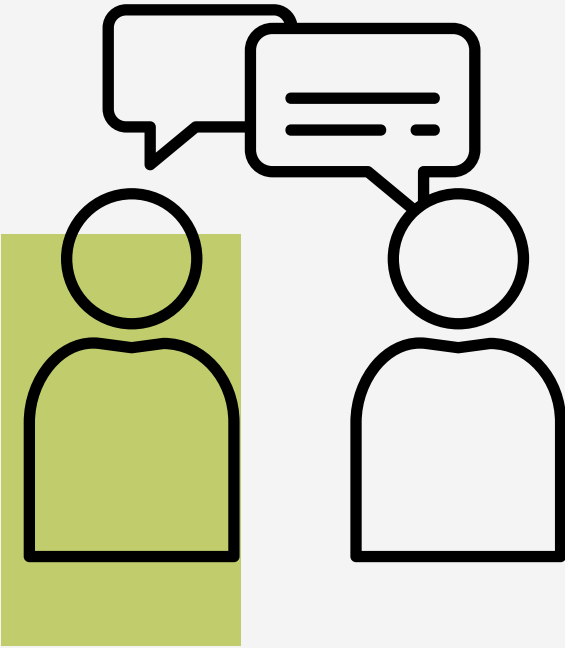
AUGUST DISCUSSION TOPICS

- What is your favorite season and why?
- What is something you would like to accomplish and why?
- What do you like most about yourself? What do you like least about yourself?
- What do you really like to do with your family?

(Sources for some questions: Family Talk game and Dayton Children's On Our Sleeves® conversation starter cards.)

For more information about the On Our Sleeves® initiative, visit:

- <https://www.onoursleeves.org/>
- <https://www.onoursleeves.org/mental-wellness-tools-guides/conversation-starters>
- <https://www.childrensdayton.org/onoursleeves>



- **All-Class Mentors:** Please be on the lookout for forthcoming information on how and when to commence mentoring for the 2024-25 school year. You will receive a school calendar with important dates. Most local schools begin in mid-to-late August through early September (right after Labor Day). The best practice is to give your mentee a couple of weeks to get settled into his or her school routine before scheduling your first visit. You can certainly work with your respective school liaison on setting up your meeting (especially new mentors), but if you have an established process already, feel free to coordinate directly with your mentee.
- **All-Class Mentors:** Kyra and Jenni will be visiting with underclassmen (freshmen, sophomores, and juniors) at their respective schools during the month of October to touch base and see how they're doing.
- **Junior Mentors:** Patrick has sent out biannual background check renewal details to you via email. By now, *Sterling Volunteers* should have notified you. Some of you have yet to complete the process, and you need to do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive the email from *Sterling Volunteers*, check your spam folder or reach out to Patrick.
- **Senior Mentors:** In early Fall, Jenni will be visiting with seniors (Class of 2025) as they begin the college application process. Please tell your mentees that their high school liaisons will notify them when she will be in their building. Let them know that it is absolutely critical that they attend this meeting to learn about various Fall deadlines they must meet and other important information.
- **Senior Mentors:** Any seniors interested in attending Miami University **MUST** attend the Fall Bridges overnight event at the university. **It is mandatory.** Jenni will share more details with the senior MCOCP scholars, but the application deadline is due 9/23/24. **NOW** is the time for them to start completing the application, which can be found here: <https://miamioh.edu/visit-miami/bridges-program/index.html>. Questions? Please reach out to Jenni for more information.



August Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

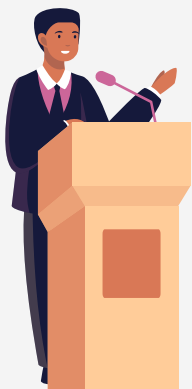
With school commencing in August, it's important to note that August is Pedestrian Safety Month. It is also known as Family Fun Month and Get Ready for Kindergarten Month. And, did you know that the sandwich as we know and enjoy it today was first created in August 1762? Here are some other ways to commemorate:

- Book Lovers' Day, 8/9/24
- National Roller Coaster Day, 8/16/24
- National Aviation Day, 8/19/24 (also the birthdate of native Daytonian Orville Wright)
- National Waffle Day, 8/24/24
- Thoughtful Thursday, 8/29/24



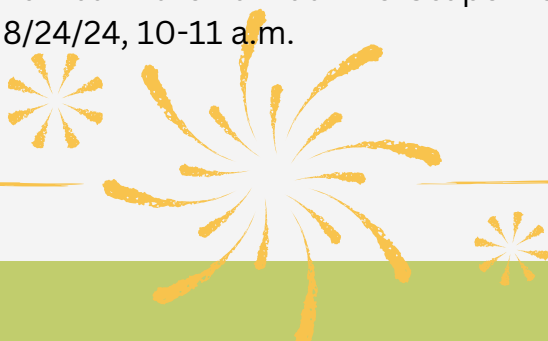
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

Below, please find some suggested ideas for activities to do with your mentee in the coming weeks. These links provide a more comprehensive listing:



- <https://www.daytonlocal.com/things-to-do.asp>
- <https://www.dayton.com/events/#/>
- <https://downtowndayton.org/things-to-do/>
- <https://www.daytoncvb.com/things-to-do/>
- <https://dayton937.com/>
- <https://dayton.bibliocommons.com/v2/events>
- <https://www.metroparks.org/programs-events-finder/>

- Scene 75 Entertainment Center, Dayton -- Ongoing
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Dayton -- Ongoing
- National Museum of the United States Air Force -- Ongoing
- Carillon Historical Park -- Ongoing
- Dayton Potato Festival at Oak and Ivy Park -- 8/10/24, Noon-8 p.m.
- Dayton African American Cultural Festival at Island MetroPark -- 8/17/24 (Noon-8 p.m.) and 8/18/24 (Noon-6 p.m.)
- STEAM for Teens, Main Library Branch -- 8/15/24, 4-5 p.m.
- Sneaker Ball, Main Library Branch -- 8/23/24, 4-6 p.m.
- Zumba in the Park at RiverScape MetroPark Pavilion -- 8/24/24, 10-11 a.m.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

Mentoring

- <https://www.mentoring.org/blog/research/how-mentoring-can-change-lives/>

College Access & Success

- <https://www.diverseeducation.com/students/article/15670704/report-minority-first-year-students-less-likely-to-be-satisfied-with-college-experience>
- https://imprintnews.org/youth-voice/the-barriers-to-a-foster-youths-educational-success/250380?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8Dcl4HAsbC9-sdX4hmSPmEBmoLsGTMIGgcIDwqI8WUdTMkZkryfxbSIY94wNVASYiNcVlvbkfcdLJBH3YaK_bvcNXQ&hsmi=313909339&utm_content=313909339&utm_source=hs_email

College Value & Affordability

- https://www.edsurge.com/news/2024-07-16-do-shocking-college-tuition-prices-reflect-what-students-actually-pay?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-86Q5GmUxtubKhq9zHOL3-5funKTXaKK7faBdh7spTmAx9twB-zt5qXDZsW2p6-fUsE2-hvErWpPuiQaNb5D00jJltPzA&hsmi=316105716&utm_content=316105716&utm_source=hs_email

College & Career Readiness

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/brunomanno/2024/05/28/are-high-school-graduates-ready-for-college/?sh=37795ee87331>

Student Mental Health

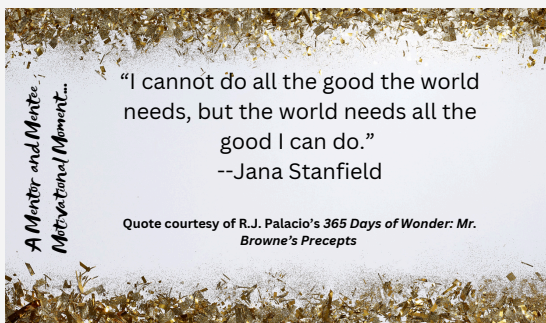
- <https://www.campussafetymagazine.com/mental-health/65-of-college-students-are-lonely-new-report-finds/>
- <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/facilitating-change/202405/supporting-college-students-during-a-mental-health-crisis>

Podcasts

- https://castbox.fm/episode/S2-Eps-8--What-do-college-students-learn-anyway--id5628605-id706015759?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=US



Brookville	August 14
Butler	September 3
Carroll	August 15
Centerville	August 14
Chaminade	August 15
Julienne (CJ)	August 15
Creative World of Montessori	August 12
Dayton Early College Academy (DECA)	August 8
Dayton Public Schools (DPS)	August 15
Dixie	August 21
East Dayton Christian	August 19
Fairmont	August 15 (9th-10th Grades); August 16 (11th-12th Grades)
Miami Valley CTC (MVCTC)	August 12 (11th Grade); August 13 (12th Grade)
Miamisburg	August 13
Northmont	August 14 & August 15 (9th-12th Grades)
Northridge	August 20
Stebbins	September 3
The Dayton Regional STEM School	August 14
Trotwood-Madison	August 12
Valley View	August 21
Wayne	August 15 (4th Grade); August 16 (10th-12th Grades)
West Carrollton	August 14



- <https://sites.google.com/mcesc.org/college-access/home>
- <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>