

MISSION STATEMENT

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program's mission is to identify, select, and support 500 Montgomery County, poverty impacted, eighth-grade students, over a 10-year period, who have shown academic promise so that the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality.

"With Education All Things Are Possible"

WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A MENTOR

College Promise Program mentors meet weekly with their mentee at the student's high school. The mentoring session lasts between 30 and 60 minutes and takes place during school hours. The day of the week and the specific time are determined by the mentor and mentee, depending upon their individual schedules.

College Promise Program mentors receive orientation and training that provides them with the necessary tools to successfully take on this role. **College Promise** mentors also take part in a criminal background check, which ensures that each and every mentor meets a high standard of good citizenship and protects the interest of the mentee, their family, the high school, and the **College Promise Program**.

LEARN MORE

Additional information on how you can support the **College Promise Program** can be found online at www.mcocp.org or by contacting the **College Promise Office** at:

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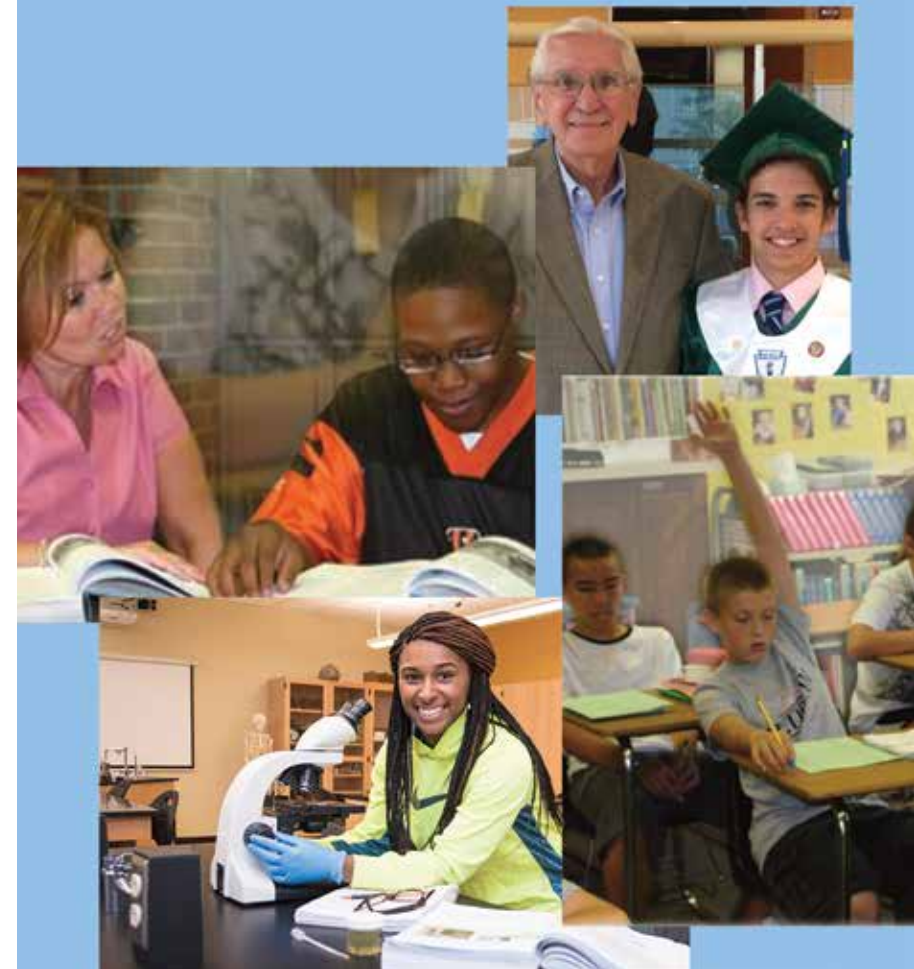
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MENTORING



THE COLLEGE PROMISE COMMITMENT

The **College Promise Program** provides a life-changing opportunity for 500 Montgomery County students over a 10-year period. These students, whose lives have been impacted by poverty, are identified and selected during their eighth-grade year.

Each student is supported through high school by a caring adult mentor who will meet with them weekly for 30 to 60 minutes at their school and through programming offered by the **College Promise Program**.



The selected students, upon the successful completion of high school and meeting college entrance requirements, are awarded

scholarships that allow them to attend college at little to no cost to them or their families.

THE COLLEGE PROMISE IMPACT

By breaking the cycle of poverty for 500 Montgomery County students, the College Promise Program has a profound impact on not only their quality of life but also the greater community.

By attaining their college education at a regional college or university, **College Promise** students will be attractive for Montgomery County employers, which will retain our investment right here at home.

“If we are going to make any dent in poverty in America, we have to help more students get a postsecondary degree.”

—Melinda French Gates

VOLUNTEER TO BE A MENTOR



Nothing is more rewarding than making a difference in the life of a young person. A mentor is a caring adult who freely gives their own time to a young person. A mentor can have a profound effect on the amount of a success that young person might have. To a young person, a mentor guarantees that there is someone who cares and that they are not alone in dealing with the everyday challenges they face.

Mentors provide a sounding board; an opportunity to talk and be heard; emotional support; encouragement to be more involved at school or in the community; guidance; friendship; support; and, most of all, a positive role model. Mentors provide sound advice and accurate information on issues ranging from school work to family and peer relations.



“A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.”

—Unknown

MENTORS HELP KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL

Students with the highest risk of dropping out benefited the most from a mentor (Jikielek et al.).

Students who meet regularly with their mentor are **52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school** and **37% less likely to skip a class** (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters).

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are **46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs** and **27% less likely to start drinking** (Public/Private Ventures Study of Big Brothers/Big Sisters).

Mentors can help with homework questions, leading to improved academic skills. **59% of mentored youth improve their grades** (Career Beginnings). **86% of mentored youth go on to higher education** (Proctor and Gamble).

Young adults who were at risk of falling off but had a mentor were **55% more likely to enroll in college**, **78% more likely to volunteer regularly**, **90% more interested in becoming a mentor**, and **130% more likely to hold leadership positions** (The National Mentoring Partnership).



“Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.”

—John Crosby