



MENTORING THIS MONTH

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March

As we “march” into Spring, we’re anticipating that the month of March lives up to the old adage and “comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb.” Certainly, Spring brings new growth, regeneration and renewal.

It’s also a time for students to get a little more restless and tired as Spring state testing commences and the school year draws closer to the end. In the coming months, that dreaded “senioritis” may start to impact your graduating mentees a little more too. For all mentors, continue to stay the course with them, encourage them along the way, and know that you’re doing a great job. And, remember that the months ahead will provide more opportunities to soak up the sun and explore outdoor activities with your mentee.

In this issue, mentoring, first-generation college students, and of course, FAFSA topics are highlighted. Additionally, you’ll find some updates on the upcoming gatherings in the MCOCP high schools. We’re looking forward to fellowshipping with you and your mentees!

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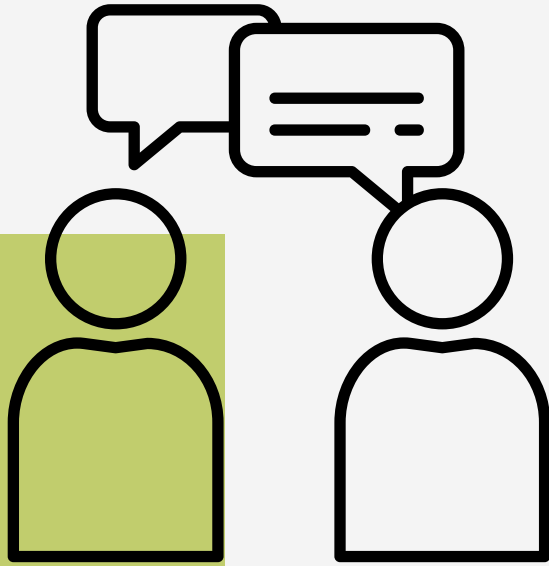


Photo: Avery Dennison employees and MCOCP staff with Centerville, Fairmont, Miamisburg and West Carrollton High School MCOCP Scholars, mentors and parents.

You may have seen the name Avery Dennison on labels. Well, they are more than just labels! According to the company website, it “is a global materials science and digital identification solutions company that provides a wide range of branding and information solutions.”

Attendees were invited to tour the Miamisburg facility on Wednesday, 2/21/24. Thank you to MCOCP mentor and Avery Dennison employee Ramona Sitov for organizing this visit.

MARCH DISCUSSION TOPICS



- What is the one thing about each of your family members that makes you proud?
- What is your favorite messy food?
- If you could be on any TV show, what would it be? Why?
- What is something you learned today?

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

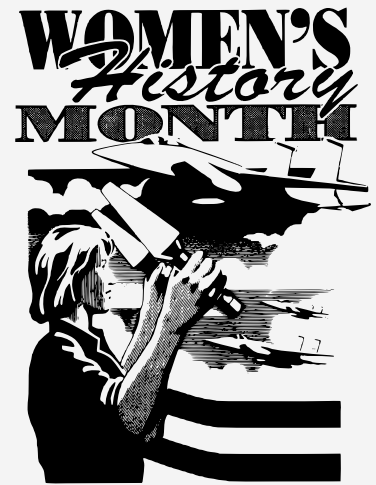
- **All-Class Mentors:** Q4 begins soon for students (if it hasn’t already by the time this is published). Please continue helping them think about how they can reach their goals for the year. You can also assist them with calculating their GPAs. Here’s a free online tool to help them do so: <https://www.collegesimply.com/gpa-calculator/high-school-gpa-calculator/>
- **All-Class Mentors:** There will be MCOCP Pizza Parties at many of our schools this month and in April during the lunch period in the buildings. **Be sure to let your mentees know about the events.** If you don’t see a school listed, it is because we have either made other arrangements with mentors individually (for those schools with only one student in that particular building) or for some other legitimate reason (school may have declined due to calendar constraints, etc.). **See page four for locations, dates and times.**
- **All-Class Mentors:** We have selected 55 mentees for our 14th cohort! If you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a mentor, please connect them with Patrick. Also, if you have a graduating senior and would like to extend your time as a mentor, let Patrick know. We would love to keep you on board!
- **All-Class Mentors:** During April, Moraine Country Club will be hiring caddies for the upcoming season. Youth must be at least 14 years old. In March, interested applicants should call the golf shop at 937-293-6391 for more details.
- **Junior Mentors:** Your mentees should start researching and exploring colleges of interest to them. Spring and summer months are perfect times for college visits.
- **Senior Mentors:** Students should be working closely with institutions where they have applied, meeting deadlines at those colleges, and communicating their decision if they have made their selection.
- **Senior Mentors:** The FAFSA should be completed and submitted, and students should have received a SAI (Student Aid Index) number that they can provide to their prospective colleges in March.
- **Junior & Senior Mentors:** The application for Miami University’s Summer Scholars Program, a selective program providing a glimpse of the college experience, is now open for “academically talented rising high school juniors and seniors.” **The application deadline is 5/1/24.** Interested MCOCP Scholars can contact Jenni for registration and financial assistance. For more information on the program and the application process, visit: https://miamioh.edu/visit-miami/summer-scholars/?utm_campaign=dom_fy_counselors&utm_content=summer_scholars_announcement&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate
- **Junior & Senior Mentors:** Wright State’s Horizons in Medicine Summer Program **is accepting applications until 5/10/24** for juniors and seniors who have successfully completed chemistry. Learn more at: <https://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2024/02/19/boonshoft-school-of-medicine-accepting-applications-for-horizons-in-medicine-through-may-10/>



March Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

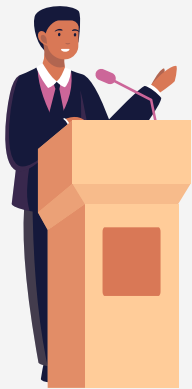
March brings Women's History Month, Daylight Savings (make sure your clocks "spring forward" on 3/10/24), Saint Patrick's Day, the first day of Spring, and Easter. Here are some other ways to commemorate:

- National Potato Chip Day, 3/14/24
- National Sloppy Joe Day, 3/18/24
- National Common Courtesy Day, 3/21/24
- National Doctors' Day, 3/30/24



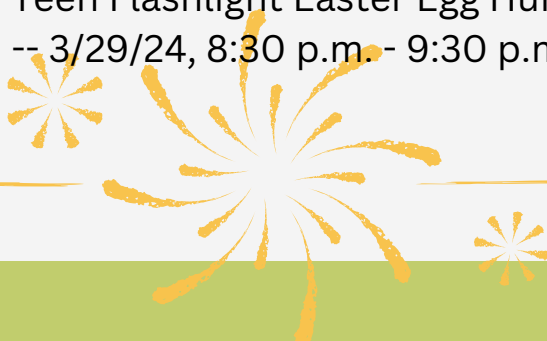
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

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
- 2nd Street Market -- Fridays & Sundays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Dinosaurs in Motion Exhibit, National Museum of the United States Air Force -- Now until 5/13/24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily
- State of the Arts, Main Library Branch -- 3/19/24, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Teen Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Fairborn Community Park -- 3/29/24, 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

FAFSA

- <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/paying-for-college/articles/fafsa-changes-what-is-the-student-aid-index>

Mentoring

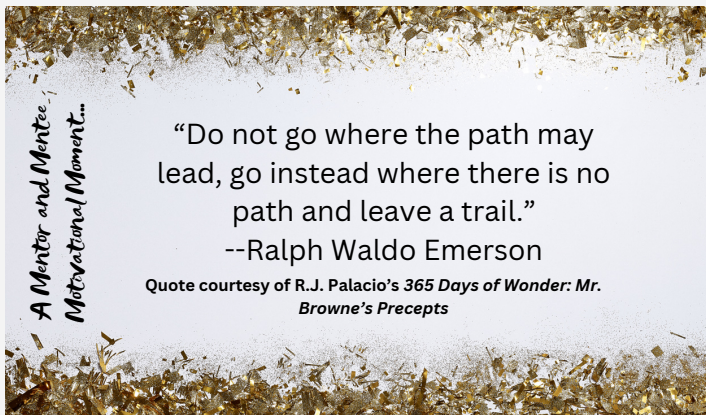
- <https://universitybusiness.com/mentorship-will-level-the-playing-field-for-underserved-learners/>

First-Generation College Students

- <https://www.insightintodiversity.com/new-college-programs-support-and-mentor-first-generation-students/>

Career Exploration

- <https://www.the74million.org/article/national-cte-month-celebrating-multiple-pathways-to-student-success/>



- <https://www.soche.org/high-school-students/>
- <https://www.bottomline.org/ohio>

COMING SOON

Spring 2024 Pizza Parties

High School	Date & Time	Room & Location
Brookville	Thursday, 4/18/24, 12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Library
Centerville	Tuesday, 3/19/24, 7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. (Breakfast Party)	West Unit Conference Room
Chaminade-Julienne	Tuesday, 3/26/24, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	St. Joe's Conference Room
DECA	Friday, 4/12/24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Conference Room
Miamisburg	Wednesday, 3/27/24, 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Lecture Hall
Northmont	Friday, 3/15/24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	IMC (RM 3110 and RM 3112)
Northridge	Thursday, 3/21/24, 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Counseling Office – Red Room
Stebbins	Thursday, 4/25/24, 11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Senior Lunch Room
Stivers	Monday, 3/18/24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Main Office Conference Room
Valley View	Wednesday, 3/13/24, 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Library
Wayne	Wednesday, 3/20/24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Multipurpose Room
West Carrollton	Thursday, 4/11/24, 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Library