



# MENTORING THIS MONTH

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And, just like that, April has arrived! It's starting off with its typical fanfare and then some -- showers and a little bit of flurries too!

The final 2023-2024 academic quarter has commenced and is in full bloom as well. Most students are a little tired and restless at this point, and may need a caring, gentle and encouraging nudge to stay motivated. For our seniors, this is the month of celebration and reflection as the May 1 college decision day draws closer. In a recent *Admissions Beat* podcast, a guest commented that "with confetti, comes some Kleenex." This is so true, as these young people make the first of many important adult decisions -- where they will spend the next four years of their educational careers.



To that end, this issue will highlight quite a few resources related to the college admissions process and evaluating the value of college. This includes a brief introduction to a national educational nonprofit organization, NPower, that has entered the Ohio landscape. So, on those April days when the sun refuses to shine, take a moment to read this newsletter and/or listen to a podcast featured in this edition!

## npower ohio

NPower, a national nonprofit organization committed to advancing race and gender equity in the tech industry, recently launched a free 20-week IT Tech Fundamentals training program in Ohio. This program expansion is led by a current mentor (and former Student Support Specialist), Demarus Crawford-White!

NPower features a hybrid learning experience and is designed to address the increasing demand for skilled IT professionals in the region. While College Promise is focused on students attending and graduating from college, the reality is that upwards of 5% do not attend college and roughly 40% do not graduate with a degree.

Young adults (18-26) aspiring to kick-start a career in technology are strongly encouraged to apply. There is also an ongoing need for NPower to connect with local businesses that may need IT interns or entry-level staff.

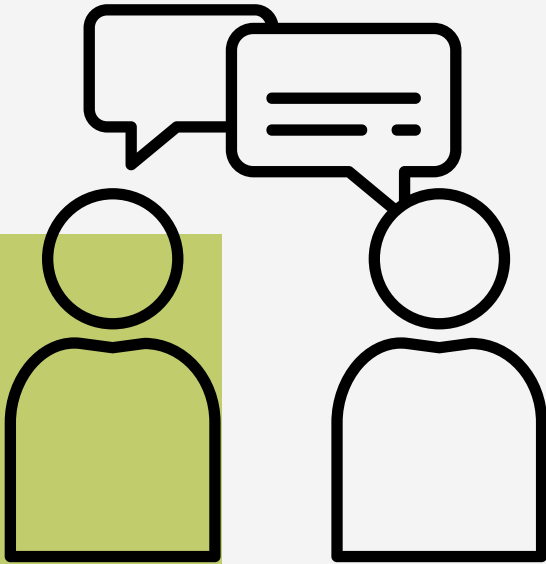
If you or your mentee are interested in learning more, please contact Demarus at [demarus.crawford-white@npower.org](mailto:demarus.crawford-white@npower.org).

# APRIL DISCUSSION TOPICS

- If you could have any animal as a pet, what would it be? Why? What do you like about that one?
- What is the thing you like to do most?
- If you could have chosen your own first name, what would it be?
- If you could do something nice for someone, what would you do and why?

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

- **All-Class Mentors:** The WPAFB Educational Outreach Office has many offerings for youth of all ages on its website. Learn more at the following link: [http://wpafbstem.com/pages\\_main/programs.html](http://wpafbstem.com/pages_main/programs.html)
- **All-Class Mentors:** Are you or your mentee interested in exploring your creative side this summer? Look no further, as the K12 Gallery & TEJAS (Teen Educational & Joint Adult Studio) is facilitating several art camps for children, teens and adults. Please note that there are registration fees. Visit <https://k12tejasgallery.org/> or call 937-461-5149 for additional information.
- **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:** Did you know that the Dayton Metro Library provides Homework Help Assistants and volunteers to be of service to K-12 students? Homework Help Centers are available in branch libraries. And, no appointment is needed! More details can be found here: <https://www.daytonmetrolibrary.org/homeworkhelp/>.
- **Junior Mentors:** Your mentees should start researching and exploring colleges of interest to them. Spring and summer months are perfect times for college visits.
- **Junior Mentors:** Miami University will be holding its Citizens of Tomorrow Summer Program from 7/14/24 - 7/26/24 for rising seniors. This is a free, two-week residential experience. Questions? Contact Steve Conn, program director, at [conns@miamioh.edu](mailto:conns@miamioh.edu) or visit <https://humanitiescenter.miamioh.edu/student-programs/citizens-of-tomorrow#:~:text=Citizens%20of%20Tomorrow%20is%20a,radius%20of%20Miami's%20Oxford%20campus>.
- **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:** In the coming weeks, seniors and their families will receive a Decision Day Form in the U.S. mail from us. **They will need to return the form by or before 6/1/24.**
- **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](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/>



## April Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Stress Awareness Month, and National Volunteer Week is from 4/21/24 - 4/27/24. Here are some other ways to commemorate (and de-stress):

- Scrabble Day, 4/13/24
- Bicycle Day, 4/19/24
- Movie Theater Day, 4/23/24
- National Superhero Day, 4/28/24



## 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
- Great Escape Game, Beavercreek -- Ongoing
- 2nd Street Market -- Fridays & Sundays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Textile Day, Carriage Hill MetroPark -- 4/27/24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Teen Album Club, Main Library Branch -- 4/18/24, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### College Admissions & Access

- <https://laist.com/news/education/college-admissions-acceptance-rejection-black-box-transparency>.
- <https://www.npr.org/2024/03/05/1235891530/sat-online-digital-test-college>

### College Value

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiemerisotis/2024/03/06/when-considering-college-students-should-think-more-like-investors/?sh=4580a1ac4b91>
- <https://www.axios.com/2024/03/04/college-graduates-median-annual-wage-difference>

### Youth Mental Health

- <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2024-03-12-a-condemnation-under-mental-health-strains-students-weigh-quitting-college>

### Podcasts

- *Application to Admission*: “Class of 2025! On Your Mark! Get Set! Gooooo!! (with Keon Gregory)” - [https://castbox.fm/episode/Episode-43---Class-of-2025!-On-Your-Mark!-Get-Set!-GOOOOO!!-with-Keon-Gregory-id5064078-id679995289?utm\\_campaign=a\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=a\\_share&country=us](https://castbox.fm/episode/Episode-43---Class-of-2025!-On-Your-Mark!-Get-Set!-GOOOOO!!-with-Keon-Gregory-id5064078-id679995289?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=us)
- *Admissions Beat*: “Is College Worth It?” - [https://castbox.fm/episode/Is-College-Worth-It-id4657195-id679896588?utm\\_campaign=a\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=a\\_share&country=us](https://castbox.fm/episode/Is-College-Worth-It-id4657195-id679896588?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=us)
- *Admissions Beat*: “Navigating April: Thoughts for Seniors and Juniors” - [https://castbox.fm/episode/Navigating-April%3A-Thoughts-for-Seniors-and-Juniors-id4657195-id688201618?utm\\_campaign=a\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=a\\_share&country=us](https://castbox.fm/episode/Navigating-April%3A-Thoughts-for-Seniors-and-Juniors-id4657195-id688201618?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=us)



High School	Date & Time	Room & Location
Brookville	Thursday, 4/18/24, 12:20 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Library
DECA	Friday, 4/12/24, 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Conference Room
Stebbins	Thursday, 4/25/24, 11:20 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Senior Lunch Room
Trotwood-Madison	Friday, 4/19/24, 11:15 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Main Office Conference Room
West Carrollton	Thursday, 4/11/24, 11:40 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Library



Stivers Pizza Party



Northmont Pizza Party



Chaminade Julienne Pizza Party



Valley View Pizza Party



- <https://www.npower.org/locations/ohio/>
- <https://www.tuitiontracker.org/>