



# MENTORING THIS MONTH

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May

Where did the time go? It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of another academic year! Time is certainly filled with swift transition! With the advent of May, we enter the season of new beginnings and transformations. And, of course it is the month of Commencements and graduation celebrations.

We are so proud of all of our senior MCOCP program participants as they enter a new phase of life, and we're excited to watch them continue to grow and mature into young adults and productive citizens. We can't wait to see what is in store for them, how they blaze their own paths, and change the world. To our mentors of these seniors, you have much to celebrate as well, and this is a moment for you to take a bow. You have helped your mentees reach this point and cross the finish line. We know that four years is a huge commitment. Without you, some of these students may not be where they are today. Thank you for your ongoing perseverance and dedication to them.

We would certainly be remiss if we didn't pay homage to all of our mentors. You have given of yourselves and poured into the life of a young person. Mere words can't thank you enough for your volunteerism and service. We are grateful for you - our village. You rock!

Finally, in this issue, you will find articles on college access/college success, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. With a little more room to spare in this edition, you'll see that the "News You Can Use" segment is more robust than it has been in a while. At your leisure, please take a moment to read those articles and listen to the podcasts of interest to you. Enjoy!



# MAY DISCUSSION TOPICS

- What do you think is the best thing about getting older?
- If you could build a dream house, what would it look like?
- What would you put inside a time capsule to be opened in 100 years?
- Define courage. Who is the most courageous person you know?

(*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:** If your mentee is looking for summer employment, encourage them to complete a SOCHE (Strategic Ohio Council for Higher Education) high school internship application at <https://www.soche.org/apply/>. These internships are paid and can extend into the school year as well. As students enroll in college, SOCHE has internships for undergraduate and graduate students as well. High schoolers must be at least 15 years old to apply.
- **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:** The City of Dayton and University of Dayton School of Law will host a Legal Immersion Program from 6/3/24 - 6/14/24 for local high school students. This free program exposes students to the legal system and concepts, legal profession, and law school through workshops and interactive sessions. For more information and to apply, students can visit <https://daytonohio.gov/1134/Legal-Immersion-Program>.
- **All -Class Mentors:** Did you know that there is an MCOCP Enrichment Grant available to MCOCP Scholars? It can go towards summer camps or other related academic pursuits. If your mentee is in need of assistance for something of this nature, please reach out to Patrick and/or Jenni to inquire if the grant is applicable. Please note that it is a **one-time grant** and is a maximum of \$500.
- **All -Class Mentors:** In addition to the MCOCP Enrichment Grant, MCOCP offers **another one-time \$500 grant** to program participants who are inducted into the National Honor Society or its equivalent. The award must go towards something related to the four pillars of the National Honor Society -- Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. Contact Patrick and/or Jenni if your mentee has an interest in taking advantage of this opportunity.
- **Junior (Rising Senior) Mentors:** Your mentees should start researching and exploring colleges of interest to them. Spring and summer months are perfect times for college visits.
- **Senior (Current) 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 (Current) Mentors:** Seniors and their families should have received a Decision Day Form in the U.S. mail from us. If not, please let us know and we'll send one again. **They will need to return the form by or before 6/1/24.**



## May Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

May is National Military Appreciation Month, National Physical Fitness & Sports Month, and Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It is also #GrayMay, which spreads awareness about brain tumors. Here are some other ways to commemorate (and de-stress):

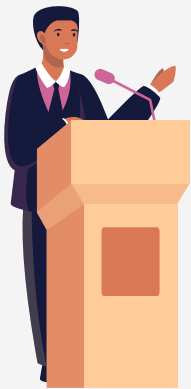
- Armed Forces Day, 5/18/24
- International Tea Day, 5/21/24
- International Hamburger Day, 5/28/24
- National Smile Day, 5/31/24

*Thank you for  
going above  
& beyond.*



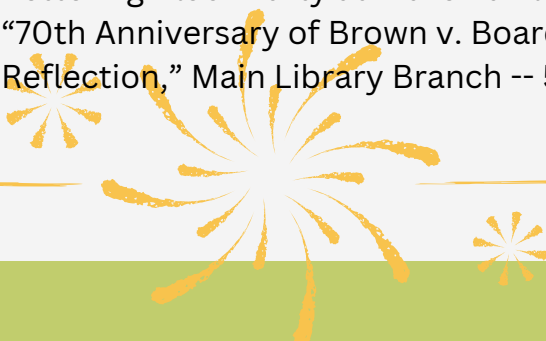
## OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

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.
- National Museum of the United States Air Force -- Ongoing
- Carillon Historical Park -- Ongoing
- "Stay Fit with DCDC" at RiverScape MetroPark Pavilion -- 5/22/24, 6-7 p.m.
- Kettering Block Party at Fraze Pavilion -- 5/29/24, 6-8 p.m.
- "70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education -- A Daughter's Reflection," Main Library Branch -- 5/30/24, 6-7:30 p.m.



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

### FAFSA Updates

- <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2024/05/01/fafsa-rollout-issues-college-decision-day-impact/73243536007/>

### College Admissions, Access & Success

- <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Education/2024/0314/Why-some-top-colleges-are-requiring-the-SAT-again>
- <https://www.diverseeducation.com/opinion/article/15669837/all-is-not-lost>

### College Accessibility Services (for Students with Disabilities)

- <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2024-03-01-many-students-don-t-inform-their-colleges-about-their-disability-that-needs-to-change>

### First-Generation College Students

- <https://firstgen.naspa.org/blog/first-gen-students-view-of-academic-success-3-things-to-know>
- <https://hechingerreport.org/to-better-serve-first-generation-students-expand-the-definition/>

### Mentoring Resource

- <https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Center-for-Supportive-Schools-Exercises-for-Mentors.pdf>

### Career Exploration

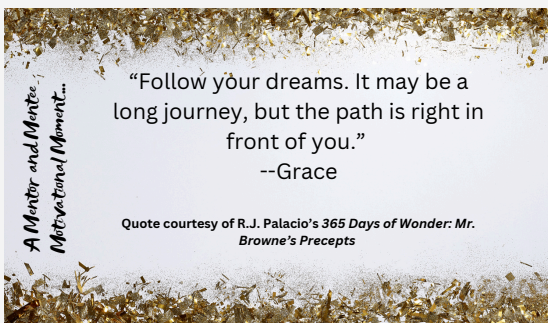
- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiemerisotis/2024/04/03/do-college-majors-matter-not-as-much-as-you-think/?sh=4302ab767378>

### General Education

- <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiemerisotis/2024/05/01/our-k-12-expectations-are-outdated-heres-a-better-way/?sh=6d3b12b5668e>

### Podcasts

- *Application to Admission*: “Expert Help for Students with Disabilities and Need Accommodations with Elizabeth Hamblet” - [https://castbox.fm/episode/Episode-44---Expert-Help-for-Students-with-Disabilities-and-Need-Accommodations-with-Elizabeth-Hamblet-id5064078-id683920082?utm\\_campaign=a\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=a\\_share&country=us](https://castbox.fm/episode/Episode-44---Expert-Help-for-Students-with-Disabilities-and-Need-Accommodations-with-Elizabeth-Hamblet-id5064078-id683920082?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=us)
- *College Uncovered*: “Buyer Beware” - <https://castbox.fm/vb/689096131>
- *College Uncovered*: “Bait and Switch” - <https://castbox.fm/vb/689096132>



- <https://ldadvisory.com/>
- <https://collegecost.ed.gov/?index.aspx>