



MENTORING THIS MONTH

September

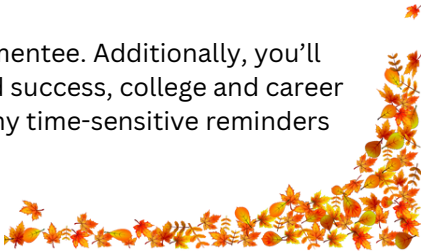
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“Do you remember the 21st night of September,” the first line of the 1978 classic Earth, Wind and Fire tune, “September,” comes to mind as the calendar quickly moves from summer to fall.

Interestingly enough, 9/21 is the last day of summer. It is hard to believe that the school year is entering its second month already! So, while “dancin’ in September,” as the lyrics state, and bidding farewell to the end of summer 2024, note that this is a busy time for all of the MCOCP Scholars, particularly the seniors, as the school year gets underway.

Jenni continues to visit with all MCOCP members of the Class of 2025 in their respective buildings during September. She will be giving each student a packet of information to help them get started on their college application journey. These meetings are mandatory, and mentors are welcome to attend, should their schedules permit. See the “Mentor Reminders” section for other important items of note.

In this edition, you’ll find, as always, suggested activities to do with your mentee. Additionally, you’ll discover more updates on FAFSA, as well as articles on college access and success, college and career readiness, college affordability and and many more topics. There are many time-sensitive reminders too. Please take a moment to explore.



2024 Celebrating Success Dinner

On Monday, August 5, 2024, the annual MCOCP Celebrating Success Dinner was held at Sinclair Community College for the incoming 14th Cohort, their mentors and families. These photos highlight some of the festivities. MCOCP is especially proud of MCOCP alumnus, Ifeanyi Nwanoro, a Northmont and UD graduate, who spoke at the event.



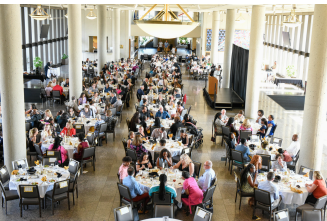
MCOCP 14th Cohort Scholars



Ifeanyi Nwanoro, MCOCP Alumnus



Sinclair Conference Center Welcome Sign



Aerial View of Guests



MCOCP and The Dayton Foundation Staff

SEPTEMBER DISCUSSION TOPICS

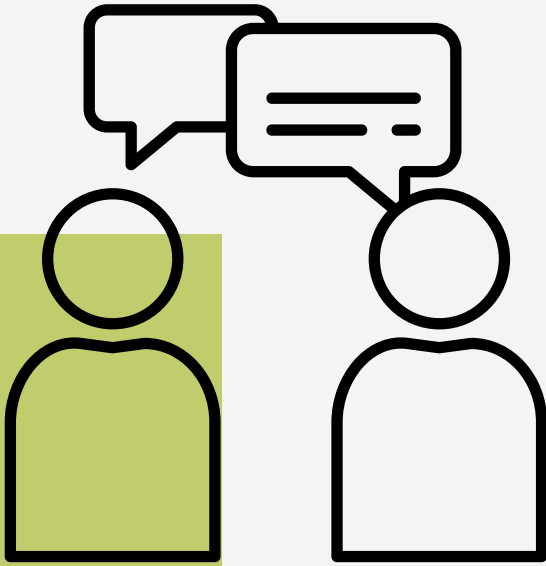
- Where do you like to go for fun?
- If you were granted three wishes, what would they be? If you could grant some wishes to someone else, what would they be?
- What is your favorite color?
- What is the most difficult thing about being a teen?

(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:** By now, you should've had your first visit with your mentee. Remember, 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.
- **All-Class Mentors:** Be sure to join us for the **Q1 Mentor Roundtable on Tuesday, 9/17/24 from 3-4 p.m.** This is your opportunity to meet with other mentors, learn about program updates, and share your mentoring experience with your peers. **Join the Zoom Meeting here:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87616946416?pwd=nnsJQdaJZHe0ArTwrpbihRcZPZokSQ.1> (Meeting ID: 876 1694 6416; Passcode: 928039)
- **All-Class Mentors:** Dayton Dragons and Day Air Credit Union are hosting a **free College Prep Night on Wednesday, 9/25/24 from 6-8 p.m. at Day Air Ballpark.** More than 50 local and national university representatives will be on hand. **To learn more and to register, visit** <https://www.milb.com/dayton/events/collegeprep>.
- **All-Class Mentors:** The Greater Dayton College & Career Fair, hosted by Wright State University at the WSU Nutter Center McLin Gymnasium, will take place on **Tuesday, 10/22/24 from 6:30-8 p.m.** Participants should register at this link: <https://app.strivescan.com/registration>.
- **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:** 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.
- **Junior Mentors:** There will be a **Miami University Fall Open House on Saturday, 9/28/24 for high school juniors and parents/guardians.** A full-day visit experience, attendees will get a sneak peek at MU's academic and student-life offerings. Transportation will be provided from Dayton, but participants **MUST complete an Assumption Risk form** ([see the attachment in the September 2024 Mentoring This Month email](#)). **A final headcount for those requesting transportation is needed by 9/18/24.** Here is the event registration link: <https://admission.miamioh.edu/portal/fall-open-house?cmd=september>. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ashley Lomax, Director of Inclusive Excellence and Outreach, at 513-529-2536 or ashley.lomax@MiamiOH.edu.
- **Senior Mentors:** Senior MCOCP Scholars should attend the **Flyer Promise Overview Night on Thursday, October 24th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Register for the event using this link: <https://events.udayton.edu/en/Hu1lu7R7/flyer-promise-scholars-college-promise-night-5a37Un2LUpx/overview>. Jenni can provide additional insight, if needed.
- **Senior Mentors:** Any seniors interested in attending Miami University **MUST attend the Fall Bridges overnight event at the university. It is mandatory.** Jenni has shared 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.



September Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

Alas, the last holiday of the summer months has come and gone, and fall is truly on the horizon. Mark your calendars, as fall officially begins on 9/22/24! September is National Hispanic Heritage Month and National School Success Month, and it is also a time to remember and observe 9/11 as well as the International Day of Peace on 9/21/24. Here are some other ways to commemorate:

- National Coloring Day, 9/14/24
- National Citizenship Day, 9/17/24
- National Cheeseburger Day, 9/18/24
- National Punctuation Day, 9/24/24
- National Good Neighbor Day, 9/28/24
- Time for Yoga Day, 9/30/24



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
- National Museum of the United States Air Force -- Ongoing
- Carillon Historical Park -- Ongoing
- State of the Arts, Main Library Branch -- 9/17/24, 4-5 p.m.
- Adulting 101, Main Library Branch -- 9/19/24, 4-5 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Festival at RiverScape MetroPark -- 9/21/24, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- 21st Annual United Rehabilitation Services Rubber Duck Regatta at RiverScape MetroPark -- 9/21/24, 4-5:30 p.m.
- Taste of Dayton, Kettering Field -- 9/22/24, 2-8 p.m.
- Oktoberfest, Dayton Art Institute -- 9/28/24 (Noon - 11 p.m.) - 9/29/24 (Noon - 7 p.m.)



NEWS YOU CAN USE

FAFSA

- <https://www.npr.org/2024/08/08/nx-s1-5067770/fafsa-application-2024-2025-2026>
- https://www.diverseeducation.com/students/article/15681299/ed-announces-new-process-to-launch-202526-fafsa?utm_campaign=DIV24%20DAILY%20AUG.%205%20-%20AUG.%209%20FINAL&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Eloqua
- <https://thehill.com/homenews/education/4821199-fafsa-form-delay-college-applications-students/>

College Access & Success

- https://www.daytondailynews.com/lifestyles/university-of-dayton-makes-flyer-promise-to-support-students/KLI7SOUNDJFLXNI7QS4WGQDP7I/?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8vdBBhEVUk_kyyUsXkjAB8C4fSeucoWnyh9h2lXx61LWJPCrX3bZZ-5rsaHMjsJWBWRGOJySliYLYPM4OHcPwmaZ06Tw&_hsmi=319239442&utm_content=319239442&utm_source=hs_email

College Value & Affordability

- https://www.nasdaq.com/articles/affordable-college-degree-now-means-not-going-debt-according-parents?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9X6ZOSaAsTmt_HZqCCFiv6j97r5-e5mNZtofBVemcQ-_6GYpk6jOoui3oNWD242-DBtHPcG9TAhHWRGG06wgTXp3QaIQ&_hsmi=321685817&utm_content=321685817&utm_source=hs_email

College & Career Readiness

- https://www.forbes.com/sites/mariaflynn/2024/07/22/gen-z-demands-more-paths-to-career-success-its-time-we-listened/?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9N3fraLAySITGPctzbgGvbcK085sqOqZwZUOD0vVxvbfSjXxGAE2_E5o90PvoFvX5TvOZDL71sor9k07zpGSxyoN5g&_hsmi=317082435&utm_content=317082435&utm_source=hs_email

ACT & SAT

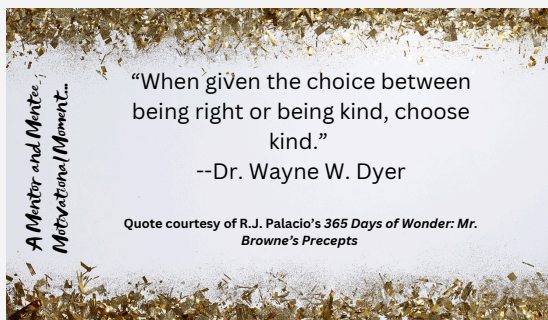
- https://www.highereddive.com/news/act-to-shorten-exam-time-make-science-portion-optional/721622/?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8JCRPBK8QVuqcyHr54E0Ofmcsxv_FdzXQXqaU_J7OnWYS_UYcmC6Bbtb7GjDPrWzESnozaNGoyuhhrxKUQH0nT4LHA&_hsmi=316909164&utm_content=316909164&utm_source=hs_email
- <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-colleges/applying/articles/the-act-is-changing-heres-what-to-know>

General Education

- https://edsources.org/2024/my-life-as-a-foster-youth-includes-dreams-of-college/716727?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9xhsDUr16075_vwyN-tMzL2hyP3WIOlZujSgQg3m6rgTVMCifMwnyUQMkrNadEvVoKz2PqGgV--OHUZrOxBFpn_wA8Gg&_hsmi=318437428&utm_content=318437428&utm_source=hs_email
- https://www.wfae.org/united-states-world/2024-08-29/teens-are-losing-interest-in-school-and-say-they-hear-about-college-a-lot?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-86IDLHEKfLo-X8u3o1Kkh01_1kX5HyZ4N9L9NivkCmlHhVzHVyCs-zFws9DuZZ6O9T2Py7yeb99lWBezuUQDkyUY5vQ&_hsmi=322424389&utm_content=322424389&utm_source=hs_email • Consider Student Mental Health Articles

Podcasts & Interviews

- https://www.wunc.org/show/due-south/2024-08-22/more-students-taking-gap-year-learning-lessons-outside-classroom?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-yKpX6WHC2DX6lkr7qmR8P2DBG0kRu1U3eiVZ20lWnAV8OMR2Wi_b8J9FyzeQ_9OShy6hx8aFPd34KsGx01HnzbYhg&_hsmi=322046766&utm_content=322046766&utm_source=hs_email
- https://www.wbfo.org/disabilities/2024-09-04/disabilities-beat-how-can-colleges-improve-for-disabled-students?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--7ZTDIjNpX-wHGMYn-34nld-Rkx3Qj_IQXqA5KsWkWF8iuLftFu9vDSDNY_o5jvh9NWLfzJfHG5G-LWkltXhcRrBEw&_hsmi=323254773&utm_content=323254773&utm_source=hs_email
- https://castbox.fm/episode/What-the-FAFSA-Just-Happened--id6276093-id735811542?utm_campaign=a_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=a_share&country=us



- <https://www.tuitiontracker.org/>
- <https://www.collegeboard.org/> (Note the **BigFuture menu/tab**)