



MENTORING THIS MONTH

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Anually, the month of May reminds us that there is a time for every season. This year, like those before, has moved quickly – maybe even more so! In the blink of an eye, we have gone from the start of the 2024-25 school year to the end of it.

Commencement is upon us! In a matter of weeks, our 11th Cohort of MCOCP Scholars – 47 strong – will be concluding their high school careers and preparing for their postsecondary adventures. For the mentors who have been on this four-year journey with the Class of 2025, you must be in awe to see their growth and stand in amazement at their achievements. Know that you played a critical role in their development and nudging them to this point. Your presence was

immeasurable, and the MCOCP Staff appreciates you and hopes that this will be a continuing friendship between you and your mentee as he or she experiences “emerging adulthood.”

Please be sure to peruse “Mentor Reminders” for any final end-of-year action items and summer activities for your scholar. The “News You Can Use” section highlights trending matters revolving around college applications and admissions, in-demand college majors, career and technical education, and helicopter parenting.

This is the last issue of *Mentoring This Month* until August 2025. To all of our mentors, Patrick, Jenni and I can’t find adequate words to say thank you. You are an invaluable part of our team, and we couldn’t do what we do without you! Have an enjoyable summer, take good care, and we’ll see you soon.



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MAY DISCUSSION TOPICS

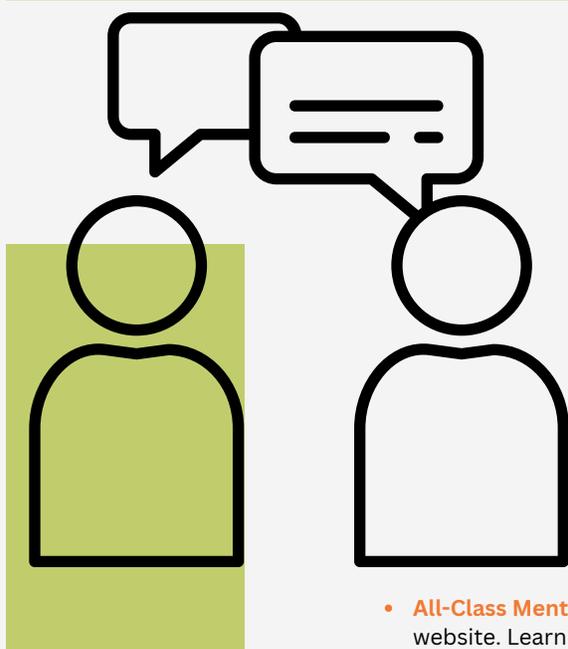
- What are your summer plans? Do you have a favorite summer activity?
- What summer job have you enjoyed the most or the least and why?
- If you could be on any TV show, what would it be? Why??
- If you could change one thing about your parents, what would it be and why?

(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 and other resources, visit:

- [The Kids Mental Health Foundation](#)
- [The Kids Mental Health Foundation Conversation Starter Resources](#)
- [Dayton Children's On Our Sleeves](#)

- **All-Class Mentors:** The WPAFB Educational Outreach Office has many **offerings** for youth of all ages on its website. Learn more at the link above.
- **All-Class Mentors:** For students interested in computer literacy, coding, programming and more, the **Back to Basics Youth Education Center** provides after-school and potential summer opportunities for local youth. Click on the link above to learn more and find contact information.
- **All-Class Mentors:** Q4 will be ending in a couple of weeks. Please continue helping your mentees think about how they can reach their goals for the year. This free online **tool** is a great way to assist them with calculating their GPAs.
- **All-Class Mentors:** Sinclair Community College's **free** Built Environment Summer Camp will be held Monday, 6/9/25 - Friday, 6/13/25. Students will explore and be exposed to architecture, construction management, civil engineering, HVAC and more. Interested applicants should register **here**.
- **Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Mentors:** "Science and Technology of Sports," a summer camp sponsored by Sinclair Community College's Women in STEM (WiSTEM), will take place Monday, 6/9/25 - Friday, 6/13/25. The camp is open to **rising** sophomores, juniors and seniors. **Registration** is now open. The \$10 fee covers registration, daily lunch and a T-shirt.
- **Sophomore and Junior Mentors:** Sinclair Community College's **Manufacturing Career Exploration Camp**, held Monday, 6/2/25 - Friday, 6/13/25, is another opportunity for **rising** juniors and seniors. This camp, which provides free lunch daily and a \$500 stipend upon completion, is for students interested in exploring career pathways in machining, welding, industrial maintenance and more. Also, students will learn about scholarships, internships and apprenticeships. Register at the link above. Space is limited. For more information, contact Cole Glover at [**cole.glover@sinclair.edu**](mailto:cole.glover@sinclair.edu).
- **Sophomore and Junior Mentors:** **Come and SEE-UD Summer Engineering Experiences** day-long summer camps will be held for Class of 2026 and Class of 2027 students on 6/16/25, 6/17/25 and 6/18/25. Each day is \$100 and the University of Dayton is offering limited financial assistance. Learn more and register at the link above. Contact Jenni as well to see how MCOCP can help.
- **Sophomore and Junior Mentors:** **Wright State University's Horizons in Medicine Summer Program** is accepting applications for **rising** juniors and seniors who have successfully completed chemistry. See the above link for more details.
- **Junior and Senior Mentors:** Montgomery County Educational Service Center (MCESC) is hosting **free** Jump Start Your Future: Pizza and Planning sessions on the FAFSA, resumes, admissions essays, and more at local library branches. These workshops are for **current** juniors and seniors. **Registration** is required. Questions? Contact [**ashley.overman@mcesc.org**](mailto:ashley.overman@mcesc.org).
- **Sophomore Mentors:** YMCA of Greater Dayton, in partnership with Wright State University, is hosting Junior Leadership Dayton for **rising** juniors. This leadership development program meets one day each month from August through April. Participants will be exposed to various social and economic issues in the Miami Valley. A letter, brochure and flyer were mailed out to all current sophomore mentors and mentees in March. Current, interested sophomores can apply at this **link**.
- **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:** Seniors and their families should have received a Decision Day Form in the U.S. mail from us. **They will need to return the form to us by or before 5/30/25.**
- **Senior Mentors:** Senior MCOCP participants should check their emails and college portals on a regular basis for updates, provide any final documentation, and meet any remaining deadlines. **Decision Day at most colleges is 5/1 annually.**



May Fun Facts and Dates to Remember

By the time you read this, Cinco de Mayo would've have come and gone. Don't fret, as there are other events worthy of observing this month. Armed Forces Day is on 5/17/25 and of course, Memorial Day is on 5/26/25. May is also Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, National Mental Health Awareness Month, and Brain Tumor Awareness Month. In need of more ideas? See the list below for other days to celebrate or commemorate:

- National Devil's Food Cake Day, 5/19/25
- National Dog Rescue Day, 5/20/25
- International Tea Day, 5/21/25
- International Hamburger Day, 5/28/25
- National Creativity Day, 5/30/25



OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL...

Below, please find some suggested ideas for activities to do with your mentee in the coming weeks. The following searchable websites provide a more comprehensive listing:



- [Dayton Local.com](#)
- [Dayton Daily News Dayton.com](#)
- [Downtown Dayton Partnership](#)
- [Destination Dayton](#)
- [Dayton 937](#)
- [Dayton Metro Library](#)
- [Five Rivers MetroParks](#)
- [DO STEM Near Me](#)

- Scene 75 Entertainment Center, Dayton – Ongoing
- Sky Zone Trampoline Park, Dayton – Ongoing
- National Museum of the United States Air Force – Ongoing
- Skateworld of Vandalia or Skateworld of Kettering – Ongoing
- Level Up Pinball Bar (and Arcade) – Ongoing
- Great Escape Game – Ongoing
- Family Program: Big Games at the Main Library – 5/21/25, 4-5 p.m.
- Dayton Cheese Fest at Austin Landing – 5/24/25, 3-10 p.m.
- Gem City Funk Experience at Dayton Arcade's The Tank Theater – 5/24/25, 7-10 p.m.
- **Concert for Peace** at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center - 5/29/25, 8 p.m. **Note: Dayton Live and The Dayton Foundation has gifted tickets to MCOCP mentors and mentees. More information was mailed to mentees and emailed to mentors in mid-April.**
- Passport to MetroParks 2025 at RiverScape – 5/30/25, 6-9 p.m.



NEWS YOU CAN USE



General & Miscellaneous Education

- [“Higher education doesn’t need resilience. It needs reinvention”](#) (*University Business*)
- [“College Students Face Widespread Basic Needs Insecurity, New Report Finds”](#) (*Diverse Issues In Higher Education*)

College Admissions

- [“Former Stanford admissions officer warns against exaggerating extracurricular activities in US college applications”](#) (MSN.com)
- [“What Parents Should Know About the College Admissions Timeline”](#) (*U.S. News & World Report*)

College Access & Success

- [“Can Colleges Do More to Help Students Succeed?”](#) (*EdSurge*)

College & Career Readiness

- [“Colleges rebrand humanities majors as job-friendly”](#) (*The Hechinger Report*)
- [“The 10 most in-demand college majors right now”](#) (*Quartz*)
- [“High School Graduates Lament Lack Of Vocational Education”](#) (*Forbes*)
- [“Report: Competition for college internships is getting tougher”](#) (*Working Nation*)
- [“From Vocational Education To Career And Technical Education”](#) (*Forbes*)

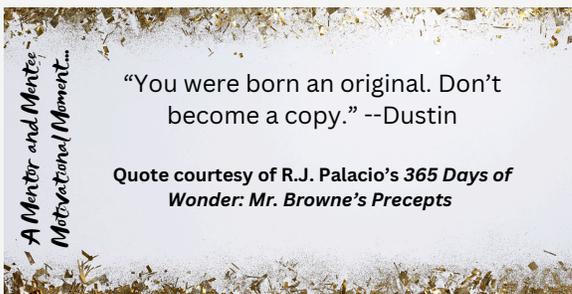
Podcasts & Interviews

- [“How Bad Are Helicopter Parents?”](#) (*College Matters from The Chronicle*)
- [“Accepted without Applying: The Growth of Direct Admissions”](#) (*Future U*)
- [“Higher Ed Now and What’s Next”](#) (*The Key with Inside Higher Ed*)

“...And I know you’ll hike far and face up to your problems whatever they are....And will you succeed? Yes! You will indeed! (98 and ¾ percent guaranteed.) **KID YOU’LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!** So...be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O’Shea, you’re off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...*get on your way!*” (**Dr. Seuss’ Oh, the Places You’ll Go!**)



“Every morning in Africa, a gazelle wakes up. It knows it must run faster than the fastest lion or it will be killed. Every morning a lion wakes up. It knows it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. It doesn’t matter whether you are a lion or a gazelle. When the sun comes up, you’d better be running.” (**The Essence of Survival African Proverb**)



- [Grown and Flown](#)
- [Niche](#)