

## Community-based Mentoring Programs

Virtual Testimony Before the Idaho State Senate Education Committee, 2.18.21

"Mentors are the heart and soul of the Tennessee Promise program. We know the financial component of the program is important, but we also know the encouragement and reminders can be the real difference makers for students. Mentors are what sets TN Promise apart."

Graham Thomas, tnAchieves  
Deputy Director of Partnerships  
and Outreach

"Mentoring students fosters their interest in education/training beyond high school, improves classroom attendance, increases academic performance, and gives students hope for their future."

ASPIRE Volunteer Mentor Program  
(Oregon)

"Mentors often help simply by listening, asking thoughtful questions, and giving mentees an opportunity to explore their own thoughts with a minimum of interference. When people feel accepted, they are more likely to ask for and respond to good ideas."

Project Leadership Scholar  
Mentoring (Indiana)

"STEM AC has received funding from an outside source (a national non-profit) to support their mentorship activities."

Kaitlin Clare Maguire, PhD  
Interim Executive Director  
Idaho STEM Action Center

"Our one-on-one mentoring program for high school students works amazingly well. 100% of the students who complete our program graduate high school. 84% of our alumni are now college graduates or are still in pursuit of their college degrees."

Starfish Initiative  
(Indianapolis)

"As the first to go away to college in my family, instead of feeling alone, I knew [my mentor] would be there for me."

Chicago Scholars Student  
Participant

"Recent data show that every dollar invested in quality youth mentoring programs yields a \$3 return in benefits to society."

The Mentoring Effect  
Report by Civic Enterprises in  
association with Hart Research  
Associates  
January 2014

"STEM AC has recruited hundreds of mentors to support their mentorship program from several STEM industries throughout Idaho."

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"One of the most impressive things about an effective mentoring program is how far the positive ripple effects reach."

Forbes Magazine  
January 23, 2019

"Mentorship, in general, aligns with the priorities of the Idaho Workforce Development Council."

Wendi Secrist  
Executive Director  
Idaho Workforce  
Development Council

Mentoring benefits for the mentor.

- 1) Better understanding students
- 2) Personal fulfillment
- 3) New relationships with other mentors
- 4) Gaining perspective
- 5) Giving back to the community

The Blue Heart Foundation (San Diego)

"It is a priority of STEM AC to develop career pathways for high school students to pursue post-secondary programs or jobs in STEM."

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