

GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PATRIOT PAIRS MENTORING PROGRAM

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Thank you to the members of our Operating Committee who, as volunteers, are running our program:

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The Patriot Pairs Mentoring Program is in its third year and is going strong! We now have freshman, sophomore and junior mentees. Our mentees are low income George students who do not have a parent who attended a four year college. Our caring and well trained mentors meet with their mentees each week to help with homework, improve study skills, promote good attendance and study habits, and provide encouragement and accountability. We have 45 mentor/mentee pairs meeting weekly.

We are not the solution for every student, but we're having a lot of success! See the box in this newsletter to read some of our mentee achievements. We also are becoming more institutionalized. We now have a

full-fledged Operating Committee dividing up the responsibility for running this increasingly complex program. This allows us to provide better mentor training and more programming, assistance and enrichment for our mentees.

Our Mentors

Thank you to our committed, well-trained, persistent and caring mentors. We could not have the program without you! Our mentors range in age from 30 to 86, and most have full time jobs unrelated to education. Each is changing a life! Please consider becoming a mentor.

Jamie Armatas	Debbie Frazier	Peter Peterson
Kim Benson	Linda Fuller	Gordon Phair
Sharon Berthrong	John Gardner	Sheri Raders
Vince Bowen	Chaundra Glenn	Karen Rutledge
Connie Brakken	Ty Halasz	Rich Sandstrom
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Lauren Engle	Claudia Luna-	Lynn Vanderwielen
Debbie Fagan	Asturias	Lauren Walker
Alex Francis	Maggie Miller	Lisa Warshafsky
		Melody Williams

We receive so much help! George's administrators are very supportive. We receive training and help from George's counselors, teachers, social worker, psychologist, nurse and administrators. DPS has helped us by providing background checks, trainers and other support. We are establishing traditions for our program. Brothers BBQ hosts our annual beginning of the school year BBQ, we have a fun and heartwarming holiday breakfast and we celebrate the end of the year with a brunch supported by Einsteins, Starbucks and King Soopers.

Thank you to all!

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Mentee Achievements

- 13 mentees made the Honor Roll in the Spring semester 2015-16
- 4 mentees were awarded full scholarships to Circle Conference's Summer 2016 Social Justice & Equity Leadership Experience
- 1 mentee was one of 20 Colorado high school students to be named to the Women's Foundation of Colorado's Girls' Leadership Council
- 1 mentee is a JROTC officer and was cadet of the month in November 2016
- 1 mentee was a summer intern for the Deputy Mayor of Denver
- 1 mentee is the student President of a 501(c)(3) corporation
- 1 mentee was a Denver Office of Economic Development "Super Sophomore"
- 2 mentees won scholarships to Junior Achievement Business Week at Johnson & Wales University
- 2 junior mentees were awarded Academic Letters for maintaining a 3.5 GPA or higher for three consecutive semesters
- 3 junior mentees were inducted into the National Honor Society
- 2 mentees are officers of GW clubs
- 2 mentees belong to the IB Latino Assoc
- 1 mentee founded and is President of the Native American club
- 2 mentees are on GW's varsity basketball team
- 20 mentees have been named "Attendance Champs" for excellent attendance this year

Mentoring Works!

In addition to better school attendance and a better chance of going on to higher education, mentored youth maintain better attitudes toward school. (The Role of Risk, 2013)

The Role of Technology

As in all high schools, GW teachers assign and collect work on the Internet and many books are online. Computers and internet access at home are necessary. Also, students need graphing calculators at home to do homework, and, certain important tests--such as AP tests, the PSAT and the SAT--allow students to use a graphing calculator only. Students who have a lot of practice using graphing calculators do better. Our program makes sure each mentee has these resources in their homes. Thank you to **Tech For All** for providing our mentees with computers. Thank you to the **Friends of Nate** for buying all of our freshmen mentees TI 83 calculators this year.



We Could Use Your Help!

(We are an all-volunteer program)

I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the George Washington High School Patriot Pairs Mentoring Program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

- \$220.50 Allows us to provide a free bus pass to a mentee for an entire school year.
- \$95.00 Pays for a graphing calculator for a student
- \$_____ Any amount helps with school supplies, training materials, mentee enrichment activities and program materials.
- I am interested in becoming a mentor or learning more about it.

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