



# Ach@-Mentor



## What does it mean to be an ASPIRE mentor?

Being an ASPIRE mentor means engaging students in conversations about their aspirations for the future and helping them:

- Explore career and postsecondary options
- Choose the best fit
- Plan, apply and pay for their postsecondary choice



### STUDENT PARTICIPATION & BENEFITS

- Complete the interest profiler and commit to the ASPIRE mentoring program for the school year
- Submit student and parent signed permission form to participate in ASPIRE mentoring
- Connect high school studies to postsecondary real world application and experiences
- Increase exposure to and expand student's personal network to include different industry professionals
- Ask relevant and thoughtful questions prepared in advance

### EMPLOYER PARTICIPATION & BENEFITS

- Complete background check and ASPIRE mentoring training (includes tools, strategies and other resources for students)
- Commit to mentoring one high school student for the school year
- Empower student to choose and attain personally rewarding careers
- Meet regularly with student at pre-scheduled times to share expertise and insight
- Provide student with the tools, strategies, skills and knowledge to develop life-long career development and job search skills



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- Franklin, 5405 SE Woodward St
- Grant, 2245 NE 36th Ave
- Jefferson, 5210 N Kerby Ave
- Lincoln, 1600 SW Salmon St
- MLC, 2033 NW Glisan St
- Madison @ Marshall, 3905 SE 91st Ave
- Roosevelt, 6941 N Central St
- Wilson, 1151 SW Vermont St

### TIPS FOR MENTORING: MAKING IT EFFECTIVE AND BENEFICIAL

- Be enthusiastic
- Get to know your student – ask questions
- Share advice about choices for after high school
- Share your own experience
- Help students meet deadlines
- Provide assistance with essays and applications
- Direct students to scholarship resources
- Be reliable and consistent

### POTENTIAL STUDENT QUESTIONS

- What career did you think you would have when you were in high school?
- What do you wish you would have known in high school?
- What are your hobbies? Interests?
- What are your current personal and professional priorities and how did you determine those?
- What is a typical day like for you?
- What career path did you take to get where you are?
- What are the qualifications and educational requirements for your line of work?
- What factors would make one fail or succeed in this type of work?
- How many people work in your department? What do they do? What are the opportunities for advancement?
- What challenges are currently faced by your organization? Your industry?

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