



Readiness. Mentors. Scholarships. Retention. Hope.
June Mentor Newsletter 2021



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A Word from Your Mentor Manager



Hello Mentors,

You made it! You should be proud to have overcome these challenges that were put before you. You stepped up as a mentor and allowed nothing to get in the way of serving your student. Thank you for your diligence, patience, and flexibility in persevering through this

unusual virtual year. You were there for your students, encouraging and helping them navigate through their unforeseen challenges. You may not realize the impact you made, but the value you placed on your student's life will not go unrecognized.

Thank you, mentor of graduating seniors, for supporting your student through their journey in school and committing your time to watch them cross the finish line. You were the catalyst that encouraged them never to give up and took part in helping them earn their college scholarship. Mentors like you are at the center of the work we do. That's why we are counting on your recommitment for the next school year.

Mentors make a difference by giving our students hope for their future. This newsletter is a special edition honoring both mentors who are retiring and our graduating seniors. To ensure you do not miss important updates and information, continue to pay close attention to our newsletters. Thank you again for a fantastic school year and for "staying the course." Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Warmest regards,

Kimberly Briard
Mentor Manager

CLASS OF 2021 TOP STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of the Class of 2021 Top Student Awards.
We are proud of your dedication and perseverance!



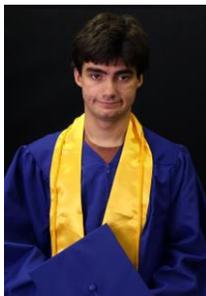
Most Improved Award
Ariel Betancourt
Glades Central Community
High School



Outstanding Senior Award
Brianna Paniagua
Pahokee Middle-Senior
High School



Best Portfolio Award Osinachi
Nwosu
Lake Worth Community
High School



Highest G.P.A. Award
Dustin LaPlatte
Jupiter High School



Persistence Award
Woodarlie Toto
Glades Central Community
High School

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Graduation Recap

On June 7th, 2021, we awarded nearly \$1 Million in Florida Prepaid Scholarships to 111 graduating seniors. Our dedicated team of mentors, college coaches, donors, and

community supporters are so proud of our seniors' hard work and academic success. As we send them off to begin their post-secondary journey, we will continue to provide them with guidance and support every step of the way.



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Thank You to our Retiring Mentors



Judi Bike &
Sarah Browne



Peter Nance &
Matthew Ramos



Ed Greenblat &
McTylens Senat



Pam Whigham &
Flora Gomez



Sima Greenblat &
Sylvie Jean Louis



Michele Perry &
Rosemie Joseph



Misty Russo &
Jayden LaBranche

Additional Mentors Retiring Are...

Zainab Alshakarchi
Michele Croft
Joan DeSena
Sam Levy
Karla Menchu-Saban
Kuldip Parikh
Susan Schulz
Veronica Shaw
Tammi Shnider
Ken Solomon
Maria Spooner
Pam Stein
Myron Taylor

**Thank
you!**

A Mentor's Impact



Stacy Buzzanca has been mentoring Makayla Hooper since 2018. As you can see, they have created a special bond with one another. Makayla wrote...

" My name is Makayla Hooper. I attend Worthington High School. After I graduate from high school, I'm taking a year off. I then plan on going to UCF after my gap to play rugby. I want to study psychology. Throughout high school my mentor has been by my side. She has motivated me, and has pushed me to be great. To be honest, she never gave up on me. That meant the most. My mentor did the best for me and I see myself paying it forward, encouraging and motivating others."

Well done, Stacy.

STACY BUZZANCA

Yay, We Did It !

Thank You Mentors!

Congratulations, Mentors, We Did It!

Your dedication to our students made it possible for us to achieve a 96% mentor meeting rate of mentors meeting students for 15 or more sessions.

We appreciate your effort, time, and dedication in meeting with your mentee and making a difference in your student's life.

Notes To Mentors:

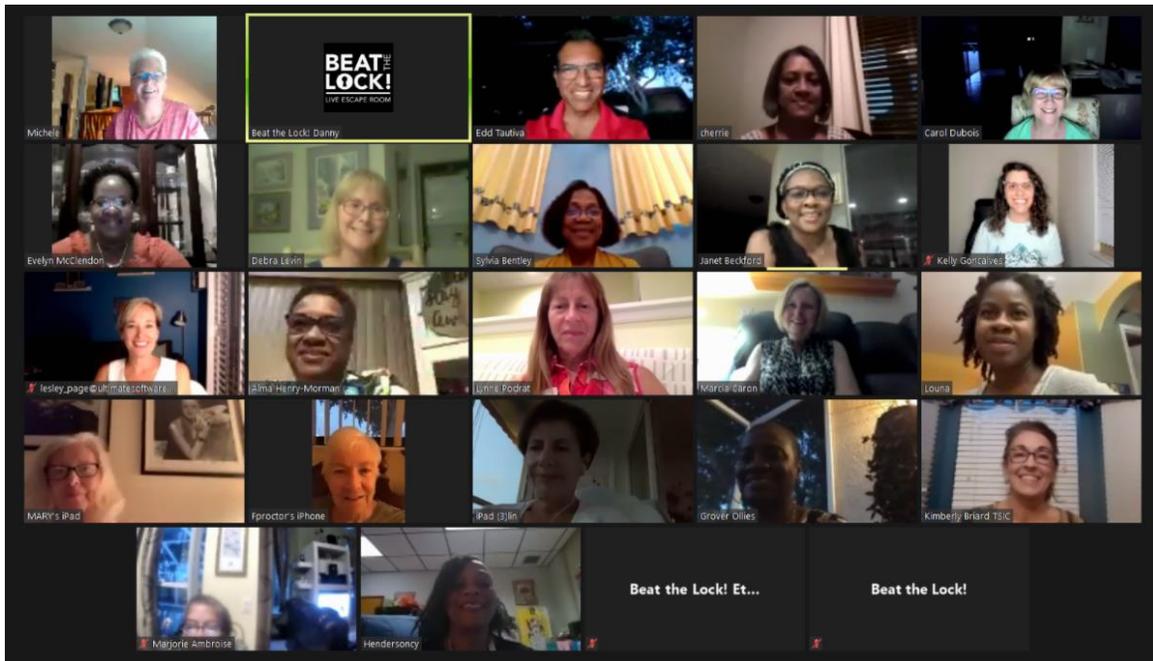
- Review the Summer Mentor Expectations in the Mentor News section.
- Resume your sessions in August.
- No need to log in sessions over the summer.
- Mentor App will be unavailable **from June 20th to August 3rd**.

From Wanda Kirby, Specialist Johnson Scholar Program:
*"A grateful thank you to our mentors for helping 100%
of our seniors earn their Honor Cords!"*

Check out the Mentor News and Updates for 2021-2022 School Calendar.

"Beat The Lock" Recap

Mentor End of the Year Celebration



Virtual "Escape Room" Challenge Mentor Game Night

What an amazing time we had! The challenge has a 40% escape rate, very nice work!

Here are some highlights...

- Two teams worked together to unravel the clues to unlock the secret door and get out within 60 minutes.
- The winning team was "Mentor Sleuths" followed closely by "Da Bombs"!
- Alma Henry-Morman and Lin Starman each won a \$25 Target gift card. Congrats!

Participants said...

"The Escape Room event was so much fun! I wish more mentors could have enjoyed it too, but those of us who participated did! Thank you for putting this together." - Marcia

"I had an excellent time at the Escape Room Event Last Night. I loved the active participation that took place. The event challenged everyone mentally and intellectually. I loved the clues and the assistance that was provided to guide everyone throughout the game!!!" - Marjorie

"I was introduced to this game for the first time last night and totally loved it. The idea of different people from different backgrounds working together to solve a puzzle. I am happy to have joined and can't wait for the next one." - Janet

"It was fun, and something different!" - Mary

"Thank you for putting the event together. It was so much fun! Not sure anything could have made it better." - Kelly

**Great to see faces that we've been able to see all year!
Can't wait to see what's our next venue!**

Annual Mentor Survey

Mentors! It's that time of year again to share your valuable input on mentoring, your relationship with your mentee(s), and our program. Please take a few minutes to fill out our survey. **It does make a difference!**

[Annual Mentor Survey 2020-2021](#)

Mental Health and Wellness Resources

FINAL Virtual Workshop & Focus Available Now!
Workshop #5

[Foundations For Success In Life](#)

See Mentor News and Updates for additional workshops

Mentor News, Updates, and Resources

Mentor Updates

- Important Reminder
- Engaging Student /Summer Activities
- TSIC Focus Videos
- Recommitment Survey
- Contact Information Updates
- New Mentor Orientation Dates
- Mentor Resources



Mentors, don't miss out on important information! Click on the button to access more updates.

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Student News, Updates, and Resources

Student Page

For Mentors



Mentors, don't miss out on important information about your students! Click on the button to access more updates.

- Student Wellness Resources
- 2021-2022 Palm Beach County School Calendar

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