

LEAD MENTORING PROGRAM

THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

LEAD: LEARNERS EMPOWERED TO ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS



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GOALS DREAMS EXPLORATION RESILIENCE SUPPORT CHARACTER

The University Church | September '15- June '16

43 Total High School / College and Career Exploration Opportunities

134 Available after-school hours
604 Training hours
1222 One-on-one mentoring hours
4046 Group mentoring hours

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1740 Dinners Served

Mentors spend one hour (or more) per week with their mentees either after school at Reynolds Elementary School or one-on-one out in the community. Mentors maintain this commitment throughout the academic year. An application, interview, background check, and orientation are required to be a mentor.



Mentors and mentees work on goal setting, overcoming obstacles, and believing in a positive future.



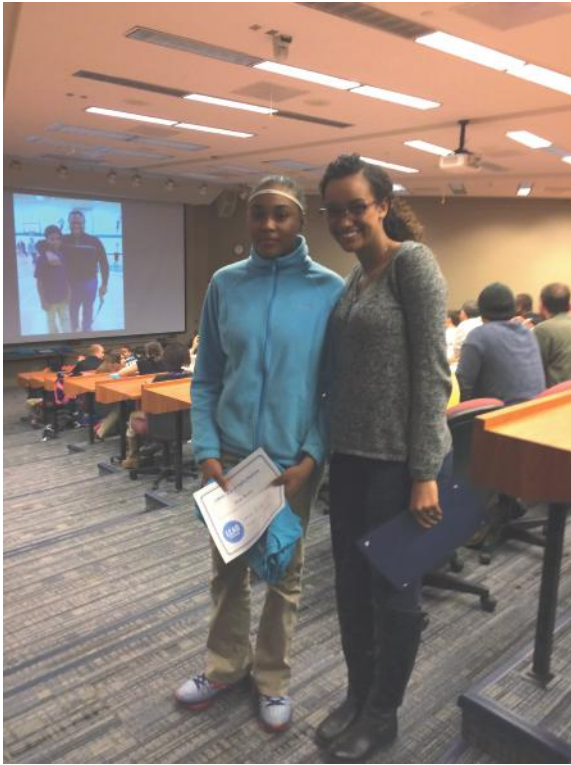
Mentees take biweekly visits to local high schools and colleges to promote education and academic success.



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"Having a mentor was great. Knowing someone would be there for me at any given time and would be on my side no matter what ... He was always there when I needed him." These are the words of a 6th-grade mentee in our LEAD Mentoring Program, one of 40 students at Reynolds Elementary School who were paired with a mentor during the 2015-2016 school year. Many of our mentors are medical students, students in other health professions, and honors students at The University of Toledo who commit to working one-on-one with a mentee throughout the year.

LEAD Mentoring also depends on community members who come to speak with our students about career possibilities. We are always looking for hands-on, interactive career exposure for our students. Come share your experience with us.

In addition to one-on-one mentoring, high school and college visits, and career exploration, students experience a range of social and emotional supports such as the "Too Good for Drugs" program. LEAD Mentoring also provides regular trips for mentors/mentees out in the community, ranging from Walleye Hockey games to visits to The Ohio State University. Each school year ends with a mentor/mentee celebration and recognition.

Our LEAD Mentoring Program is supported by a \$100,000 grant from the Community Connectors program of the Ohio Department of Education during the 2016-2017 year, as well as by the University of Toledo's Healthcare Access Initiative, and individual donors like you.

We are in the process of expanding the LEAD Mentoring Program to follow students as they transition from Reynolds Elementary School to Rogers High School in order to provide consistent support during this time of change.

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Thank you for your interest in our work and we look forward to your participation in our LEAD Mentoring Program.

