



LEAD Mentoring Newsletter

Oct. 2016

What have we been up to?

Somehow, one month of mentoring has already flown by! Over the past few weeks, our students have met their fantastic mentors, and they have had a blast getting to know each other. We kicked off our **career presentations** with Mike from Block Builders, who taught about carpentry, and Steve Collier from Connelly & Collier LLP, who presented a law case study.

Thanks to our mentors and staff, we have completed 3 sessions of our **Too Good for Drugs** program. Students and their mentors are using the program to learn the importance of goal setting, decision making and thinking ahead.

Students love **field trips**, and we've packed in a few already. Everyone enjoyed seeing the animals at the Natural Science and Technology Center - especially the chickens! Sophia Quintero Art and Cultural Center hosted our kids and mentors for cooking classes, and, of course, everyone enjoyed all of the yummy vegan burritos they made. We wrapped up September with a trip to St. John's Jesuit High School - boys only! No worries, girls, your trip is coming up next!

Thanks to everyone for an incredible first month!

Looking forward to...

- ❖ **Oct. 13:** Presentation by Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology
- ❖ **Oct. 18:** All-girls visit to St. Ursula Academy
- ❖ **Oct. 20:** Presentation by Ron Roberts, ThundaGear founder



Mentor – Mentee Spotlight!

Our mentor and mentee “Spotlight of the Month” is on **Robert and Bryan**! These two have made a point to spend every Tuesday after school together and the pair can always be found on the basketball court. And did we mention their outstanding sportsmanship? These might be two of the nicest guys you could ever meet. They have a lot in common, and even discovered they share the same last name!

Bryan had only great things to say, telling us that “during this time I have discovered that Robert is: 1) a better basketball player than me and 2) an exceptionally kind person with unlimited potential. I am incredibly grateful that Robert and I matched as mentee and mentor, and I am very excited for us to continue getting to know each other and building our friendship in the future.”

Keep it up, Robert and Bryan!



A Note from Josh and Sam

We are so excited to be starting our second year of the LEAD Mentoring Program and to have the chance to work with such an amazing group of students again. Our goal this year is to build on our successes from last year and develop stronger community partnerships. This year, we are pleased to welcome Sam, who has volunteered at Reynolds for the past three years, on board as our new Assistant Director. She has done a great job so far and is helping us as we expand our programming to Rogers High School. We look forward to keeping you posted on the LEAD Mentoring Program throughout the year.

Until next time,
Josh and Sam

Did You Know?

“Young adults who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to enroll in college than those who do not.”

Thank you to last month's partners!



Block
Builders



Meet The Staff!



Josh

Director

Hometown: Toledo, OH

School: University of Toledo

Favorite Movie: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

Favorite Book: Ender's Game

Favorite Food: San Marco's Tacos

Fun Fact: I go to lots of concerts



Sam

Assistant Director

Hometown: Toledo, OH

School: Lourdes University

Favorite Movie: Stepbrothers

Favorite Book: The Great Gatsby

Favorite Food: French Fries

Fun Fact: I have a dog named Schwartz



Minhee

Intern

Hometown: Seoul, Korea

School: University of Michigan

Favorite Movie: Finding Dory

Favorite Book: Chronicles of Narnia

Favorite Food: Anything apple

Fun Fact: I've been swimming since I was 4



Julie

Intern

Hometown: Ann Arbor, MI

School: University of Michigan

Favorite Movie: Bridesmaids

Favorite Book: Angels and Demons

Favorite Food: Ice Cream

Fun Fact: I have traveled to 4 continents



Kendra

Intern

Hometown: Deshler, OH

School: University of Toledo

Favorite Movie: Step Brothers

Favorite Book: Change of Heart

Favorite Food: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich

Fun Fact: I have a dog named Bettis

