MENTORING

Mentoring is to support and encourage people to manage their own learning in order that they may maximise their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance and become the person they want to be.

– Eric Parsloe,
The Oxford School of Coaching & Mentoring
Source: http://www.mentorset.org.uk/pages/mentoring.htm

WHAT IS MENTORING?

• Mentoring is a powerful personal development tool that helps people progress in their careers or personal endeavors. It is a relationship between two people (mentor and mentee) who work in a similar field or share similar experiences.

• A mentor is similar to an advisor or guide that can help the mentee figure out the right paths to follow in life. These situations can vary from personal problems to school or career-related. A mentor should act as a personal support system to a mentee. A mentor should help the mentee build his or her own self-confidence, ask questions and challenge the mentee while providing guidance and encouragement.

• Mentoring is a chance to help the mentee figure out who they are and what they want in life. Mentoring gives mentees a chance to become self-aware take responsibility for their life and direct their life in in the direction that they choose.

STATE, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL AGENCIES:

• Big Brothers Big Sisters - www.bbbs.org/
As the nation’s largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers (“Bigs”) and children (“Littles”), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

• ECI SCORE (East Central Illinois) - http://eci-score.org/about
SCORE is a national volunteer organization supported by the US Small Business Administration. The East Central Illinois Chapter is located in the Chamber of Commerce in Champaign, IL. The volunteers of SCORE include experienced business owners and managers who donate their experiences and knowledge to small business owners and potential business owners through workshops and free consulting.
CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ORGANIZATIONS:

  Urbana Middle School seeks mentors to provide emotional and relational support to students who are in need of guidance or a role model. Mentors will commit to one hour per week for a minimum of one year, with an expectation to continue mentoring the same student beyond one year.

- **Kenwood Elementary School -- Champaign Unit 4** - [http://www.champaignschools.org/schools/home/?id=15](http://www.champaignschools.org/schools/home/?id=15)
  Kenwood Elementary School -- Champaign Unit 4 educates students in grades K-5. The goal of this school is for their students to reach a high academic performance, demonstrate a positive attitude towards school and learning and develop healthy relationships with others. Kenwood Elementary School -- Champaign Unit 4 welcomes all volunteers to Unit 4 schools. Each year over 1,000 volunteers contribute 15,000 hours of their time into tutoring, mentoring, or assisting in classrooms.

- **University of Illinois Extension Money Mentors** - [http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/moneymentors/](http://web.extension.illinois.edu/cfiv/moneymentors/)
  The University of Illinois Extension Money Mentors is sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension. The Money Mentor program is a network of trained volunteers who work individually with people who request help with personal money management. Money mentor volunteers build financial literacy within our local communities by providing outstanding financial education to individuals.

- **Champaign-Urbana One-to-One Mentoring Program** - [http://cu1to1.org/](http://cu1to1.org/)
  The Champaign-Urbana One-to-One Mentoring Program is the school-based mentoring program of the Champaign Unit 4 and Urbana District #116 Schools. The Champaign-Urbana One-to-One Mentoring Program is searching for mentors who will be able to commit one hour per week for one year with an expectation to continue mentoring the same student beyond one year.

CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES AND REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- **LIFT College Access Mentoring Program (LIFT)** - liftcollegeaccess@gmail.com
  To provide underrepresented students in the community with access and information about college, while simultaneously addressing life issues that affect their access.

- **College for Kids** - [https://www.facebook.com/collegeforkidsuiuc](https://www.facebook.com/collegeforkidsuiuc)
  Students spend days throughout the year with a University student to get a glimpse at the college experience. University students serve as mentors to their group of mentees and visit their schools to make sure that they are staying on the right track.

- **CU Succeed Mentoring** - [https://www.facebook.com/pjprso](https://www.facebook.com/pjprso)
  C.U. Succeed is a mentor/tutoring affiliated with the Prison Justice Project.
Illini Mentor Program - gattari2@illinois.edu
The Illini Mentor Program (IMP) is a service-learning organization dedicated to mentoring future leaders today. IMP mentors at Prairie Elementary School and Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club in order to strengthen relationships within the community and UIUC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

- [http://www.mentoring.org/](http://www.mentoring.org/)
  MENTOR is scaling impact by developing and supporting a national network of affiliate Mentoring Partnerships

  Children Uniting Nations is a registered non-profit organization that relies on donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations for its programs.

  Positive youth development research has long demonstrated that youth benefit from close, caring relationships