



Mentoring Monthly



Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Newsletter

The newsletter is a means for Alexandria Mentoring Partnership's team to keep its partners informed about a variety of new developments on a routine basis. The newsletter will provide information about what AMP's team is doing, the accomplishments of our partners, new mentoring practices shared through larger organizations, and training opportunities.

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City Councilwoman Alyia Gaskin presents the proclamation to recognize January as Alexandria Mentoring Month on behalf of the City Council. Space of Her Own and Wright to Read mentors, mentees, and program managers shared the impact mentoring made in their lives. Photo by OCCE.

Letter from the Editor

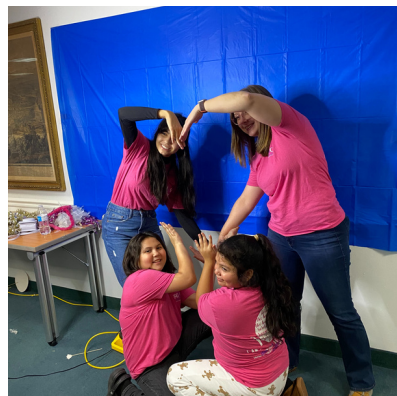
Hello Alexandria Mentoring Partnership!

Happy New Year and happy Alexandria Mentoring Month! The new year is filled with new beginnings and exciting new opportunities. We would like to formally welcome you to the first Alexandria Mentoring Partnership Newsletter. This newsletter has long been in the works and will help bridge communication within the partnership. In the past month, we have hosted a series of events highlighting the positive impact of mentoring in the City of Alexandria.

In this edition, we have included a recap of the City Council event, a calendar of upcoming events, and an infographic about the benefits of youth mentoring.

As many of you know, AMP will host a Mentor Open House at the Lyceum on Wednesday, January 31. We have extended an invitation to members of our community. We hope to see you all there.

Yours in Service,
Zoha Zafar
AMP External Affairs VISTA



MENTOR OPEN HOUSE



Are you a caring adult interested in making an impact through mentoring? Find a program that meets your interest and availability!

JANUARY 31

4:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

THE LYCEUM

**201 S. WASHINGTON STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314**

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City Council Proclaims January as Alexandria Mentoring Month

The City Council made a proclamation to recognize January as Alexandria Mentoring Month. The National Mentoring Month campaign aims to unify and expand the mentoring movement, celebrate the power of relationships, and raise awareness around the importance of youth mentoring in the United States, according to Mentor National. AMP partner program participants shared the impact mentoring made in their lives after the presentation of the proclamation. The mentors, mentees, and program managers participated in a series of activities at AMP's Mentoring Matters event before the proclamation. The event gave AMP the opportunity to show its appreciation for those committed to making an impact through mentoring.





Upcoming Events

JANUARY 23	COURT HOUSE POP UP 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.
JANUARY 23	<u>EVERYONE IS AN ASSET BUILDER</u> 10 A.M. TO 12 P.M.
JANUARY 31	<u>MENTOR OPEN HOUSE</u> 4:30 P.M. TO 8 P.M.
FEBRUARY 22	<u>COMBATTING WHITE SAVIORISM</u> 5:30 P.M.
AUGUST 05	HANNAH & HARPER'S WEDDING
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EVERY CHILD NEEDS A MENTOR

How Your Child Can Benefit from Having a Mentor

Increases Chances of Success



85% of young people with a mentor say this key relationship has helped them with issues related to school and their education.

Improves Mental Health



58% of young people say their mentor has supported their mental health.

Develop a Lifelong Beneficial Relationship



60% of those under 40 years old are still drawing advice from their childhood mentors.

Gain Access to New Resources



Mentors can help you and your child connect to external supports that you may not have access to or be aware of.

Connect with others with similar interests



Mentoring programs gives youth an opportunity to connect with a mentor or other youth with similar interests.

Improve Non-Academic Skills



Mentoring relationships aid with the development soft skills like effective communication, self-motivation, and time-management.

Wright to Read Celebrates Mentors, Tutors, Mentees, and Families During Winter Celebration

Wright to Read invited mentees, mentors, tutors, and families to their winter celebration to commemorate their accomplishments in 2023. The event encouraged youth to interact with event participants as they completed a series of engaging activities. Wright to Read encouraged their youth to talk to others in the scavenger hunt, where they had to find people who had a name that started with the letter K or someone who had ice skated before. Those who completed the scavenger hunt were eligible to receive raffle tickets they could use for thematic prize bundles.




ALEXANDRIA MENTORING PARTNERSHIP


ENROLL IN MENTOR UNIVERSITY


The first free hybrid learning platform for caring adults designed to help improve connections with youth in their lives.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN...

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Developing skills and best practices for assisting youth reach their full potential.
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Connecting with experienced mentors to understand the impact mentorship can make.
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Learning about emerging issues affecting youth from leading expert sources.

