New & Returning Mentors

Ann Rieben - UCSD

Marcy Turanski - Community

Alexa Holmer - UCSD
2 mentees

Devin Sonne - Community
added 2nd mentee

Sam Lee - UCSD

David Jones - Board Member
added 2 mentees

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Goal - increase visibility of the Young Scholars Mentoring Program and recruit mentors from all walks of life.

GROW BIG DREAMS

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This was a new community service event for our mentor program. The mentors and mentees worked 2-hour shifts in the food tent where they offered kugel, kosher franks, bagels & lox, egg creams & more.
Truth volunteered in the kids’ tent where they offered family-friendly activities. She said “At the JEWtica event, I helped lots of kids make binoculars and superheroes. They could decorate the binoculars with whatever they wanted and take them home after. For the superheroes, they wrote a mitzvah on the back of the superhero’s cape and decorated the rest of the body however they wanted. A mitzvah is a good deed. I had lots of fun helping the kids show their creativity through arts and crafts.”

**Truth Bullock - 10th grade - Proctor High School**
Goodbye and good luck to our 2022 seniors! On June 18th we celebrated our mentors and mentees who have come full circle with the mentor program. We enjoyed a nice luncheon at One Genny in New Hartford. Although this is the official end of their mentorship, I am sure many, if not all, of the mentors and their mentees will keep in contact in the future.

Congratulations seniors and thank you to our wonderful mentors.
Eh Moo and I met in 2019. It was a pleasure to discover our many common interests: making art, being in nature, sports, and the theater. We’ve attended plays, games, workshops; we play sports together too. And drink coffee and read books! As quickly as the last three years have flown past, my experience of being Eh Moo’s mentor has been rich with camaraderie and mutual respect. Eh Moo’s community service requirements have brought me new opportunities for volunteering as well. 
Eh Moo Serr is another Young Scholars gem. Her steady and positive approach to challenges is a wonder to me. I have watched Eh Moo achieve so much in her young life. My life is enriched through being her mentor and friend. Our official mentoring relationship is ending and a new chapter is beginning. It is going to be thrilling to watch Eh Moo launch into her college career and beyond.

Elizabeth Rossi - Featured Mentor

Having a mentor is similar to having a friend who will guide and assist you when you are in need. Someone you can call if you’re bored. That’s why having a mentor was the best decision I’ve ever made.

Elizabeth mentors me by encouraging me in developing trust and demonstrating positive conduct. She assists me in staying on track and being accountable for attaining my objectives. With this, I was able to exceed my community service and other objectives. From opening a bank account to biking around the field, we did a lot of things together.

When you have a mentor, it’s like having a safe place to go when you’re feeling down. Elizabeth has always been there for me during my high school years and will continue to be in the future.

Eh Moo Serr Proctor High School Class of 2022 - Featured Mentee
Congratulations Temperence on your hole in one!
Ice Cream Event

YUMMY

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Mentors provide our Young Scholars opportunities to extend their education beyond the classroom. I have mentored many young men over the years engaging in various activities which have served to enhance their understanding of the world outside of school or home. There are few things more memorable than witnessing a young man who just caught his first fish or was just released down a zipline. As satisfying to me was engaging in activities such as mountain biking, hiking, playing chess, going to a professional sporting event, a concert, or simply eating out at one of Utica’s great restaurants. Young men need positive role models to look up to. This role model could be you! It’s as simple as including a mentee in the life YOU live for only a few hours per month.

I just recently had a past mentee come over to my home on his 21st birthday. We celebrated and engaged in conversation. It is as if I was gifted with an additional son. It’s a win/win for all of us!

We also are accepting female mentors. Please feel free to email any questions to lbstewart@utica.edu
On August 20, 2022 our mentees and mentors were able to experience ziplining at The Root Farm in Sauquoit, NY. The zipline is 1000 feet long! This was the first time we have offered this experience and I am happy to say everyone had a great time.
Free Fishing Days in New York State typically happen four times a year, and may encompass one day or two days (a weekend). The 2022 Free Fishing Days are: **February 19 & 20, June 25 & 26, September 24, and November 11.**

If you are 16 and a NY resident, you are required to have a fishing license except on the above mentioned days.

*This event will be at Utica University at a date to be determined in October.*
Mentors mark your calendars!

We will be partnering with the Utica Zoo again this October for a community service project. Each mentor/mentee pair will be able to sign up for a 2 hour slot during the 2-day event. Students will receive community service for volunteering. We have done this for a few years now and the students love this event.
Attention Mentors and Mentees - in October we will be partnering with the YWCAMV. We will be selling purple ribbons to raise awareness regarding Domestic Violence. You can help make a difference. Contact Linda @ lbstewart@utica.edu if you would like to obtain ribbons to aid your mentee in this community service project.
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