

# MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## INFORMATION GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE MENTORS

### FCE's Mission

Increase the number of students of color from East Palo Alto and similar communities who graduate from a four-year college or university.

### FCE's Vision

Engage both students and parents in the mission, mobilize them to share information with other families about how to take advantage of school resources and navigate the college admissions process to catalyze change in the larger community.

### Why mentorship?

Mentorship can help students go from college to career by helping them discover and build professional networks. Additionally, mentorship is great for facilitating career exploration and broadening the perspective of mentees!

### Our students are

18-24 years old, ambitious and motivated to obtain their college degree. They are funny, thoughtful, wise, tired, energetic, stressed, joyful.

### Commitment

1-2 monthly meetings with your mentee, and an FCE sponsored semi-annual retreat or holiday event during their college experience.

### Principles

Consistency, clear communication, positive role modeling and guidance, and having high expectations.



### As a mentor you can

1. Establish supportive relationships
2. Facilitate career exploration for your student
3. Give your mentee a realistic view of their future career
4. Help your mentee discover and utilize their network (and yours!)
5. Help mentees realize their huge cultural wealth and how to use it
6. Build a network of peers committed to serving a community of students

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