

MONTHLY



UPDATE

A Note from Our Team

We are getting ready to welcome the sun and warm weather, but the weather keeps tricking us! Our pairings are itching to get outside to enjoy the spring weather. As we approach summer, we are looking to do a few more pairings with school in session and then excited to think about some summertime opportunities for our Intentional Mentoring community. More to come in our June update!



Shout-out

To students and teachers as they gear up for 4th quarter!

Strengthening a New Relationship: Mentor Pairing Highlight

This month we wanted to highlight a mentor/mentee pairing! We caught up with Tanner Gornick who has been with Intentional Mentoring since September 2021. He was paired with his mentee, Reese, around October, and we wanted to celebrate their relationship!

Q: Why did you want to join Intentional Mentoring?

I wanted to join Intentional Mentoring because I previously volunteered in a program called Badger Volunteers, where we went to surrounding schools and helped out in the classroom. I was able to help young students with their coursework and everyday life questions. It inspired me to continue to seek opportunities that

can make a lasting impact on developing students. Intentional Mentoring is a program that caught my attention because of its high level of commitment to its mentees and providing the best environment for growth not only in the classroom but in their daily lives.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being a mentor?

The most enjoyable part of being a mentor is being able to witness the strides you've achieved together with your mentee. The relationship you develop over time and the growth of your mentee both academically and socially is rewarding, to say the least.

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Announcements

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Q: What activities have you been able to do together?

My mentee, Reese, and I were seeing each other on a weekly basis for the first few months we were paired until the pandemic ramped up again around the end of the year in 2021. We were out and about Madison having a good time jumping around at Sky Zone and Urban Air as well as sinking hole-in-ones at the Vitense mini-golf course. I felt it was best to develop a relationship with fun activities and things we both enjoyed while getting to know each other in the first few months. We had many more days planned to try new things and manifest our relationship but nearing the end of the year with the pandemic we had to make some changes. His family and I discussed and felt it was in the best interest of everyone if we paused our in-person interactions until we were more comfortable. I have always made contact through his mother, so now I check in about every other week to see how Reese is doing in school, at home, and with friends and then also to gauge when or if we will begin in-person interactions again.

Q: What is one goal that you and your mentee have?

Since Reese and I have only begun our relationship a few months ago, our major goal was to get comfortable with each other. We want to develop that level of confidence to share our true thoughts and not feel like we have to hold back with what we were thinking.

Q: What do you appreciate about your mentee?

The aspect I appreciate most about Reese is his courage to communicate with me right away especially when he is known as a fairly introverted person. I appreciate him putting in the effort to build our relationship from the first day we met.

Thank you, Tanner, for sharing your experiences with your mentee and for the time you've taken to pour into this new relationship! If anyone out there is interested in beginning a mentoring relationship, reach out through the BECOME A MENTOR button here in the newsletter! Thank you to all our mentors!

Interested in getting involved with Intentional Mentoring but not sure you have the skill set or the available time for coaching/mentorship? We still value your contributions! Consider monthly community outreach or helping to organize one of our events. Have questions about what help Intentional Mentoring could use or other ideas for ways you think you could help? Email us at katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org.

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Our Mission Statement

With guidance from coaches, mentors interact with school staff, community members, and families in order to strengthen the support network for students facing adversity.



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