

## MONTHLY



## UPDATE

## A Note from Our Team

It's hard to believe that 2022 will be drawing to a close over the next month, but what an autumn it has been! Here at Intentional Mentoring, we have so much to be grateful for this season and much to look forward to in the coming year as we further our partnerships to make more connections with students in the Madison area.

## 'Tis the Season to Celebrate Connections

This season we've been regrounding ourselves in our WHY, both within our internal leadership team and within our mentor team. Keeping this at the forefront of all we do is a main priority so that we can serve students to the best of our ability. As we close out 2022 later this month, we're excited to share some updates with you about what we're up to.

Within our Intentional Mentoring team, we are excited to introduce our newest mentor coach, Val Peck, whom we'll catch up more with in the coming months. Through our mentor coaches, we are looking to continue to find ways to best support our mentors so that they have what they need to support their mentees in the best ways possible.

Another partnership we're excited about is with RISE's program called Breaking the Cycle, which pairs mentors with students who are in

families with siblings who are dealing with the justice system, and we have mentors who are excited about being paired within this partnership! It has been awesome to see more mentors reaching out for opportunities to connect with young people in this way.

This fall we have seen our mentors support our students as they entered into a new school year. We have also been able to send our mentors and mentees to do some farm fun activities and enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Experiencing new adventures together is one way that we can help relationships to become stronger and grow.

Mentors are also itching to get contact information from teachers, and we look forward to our continued partnerships with schools and teachers. With all of the challenges that come along with starting a school year, it's taken us a little while to

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## Shout-out

To Dianne, our pairing coordinator, for everything she does behind the scenes to keep this organization working!



## Announcements

As we approach the new year, we are looking for ideas on what our readers would want to hear more about in these updates. Please respond to the email if you have an idea!



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get connected with classroom teachers as the year gets settled, but we are excited that we do have liaisons who have loved working with us and have moved schools, so they will be connecting with us in their new location. Similarly, we have been in touch with two schools in the Verona School District and are looking to connect with them more as our mentors begin working with students there. In the coming year, we may also begin to see if we can partner with other districts around the greater Madison area.

Since the start of the school year, we have introduced five new mentors and are working on completing those pairings. We have received interest emails from several more people and are working through new applications. We so appreciate the excitement that our mentors have about supporting our young people!

And during the fast-approaching holiday season, young people tend to need even more support. Holidays, or even anticipating the holidays, can become stressful for students and families. Right now, students could often use more

emotional support, help organizing classwork to stay on top of everything, and just someone to listen to them. If you're a mentor looking for another way to connect to the classroom, you could even work together with your mentee to create a "Thank You" or "Happy Holidays" card to tell teachers what they are doing that is awesome, ask how mentors can help mentees over Winter Break, etc. These little acts can go a long way.

Looking forward to the new year, we hope that people know how appreciative we are to everyone who volunteers with us in our internal team and our mentor team. We have wonderful coaches, a great lead, and mentors who are excited about development.

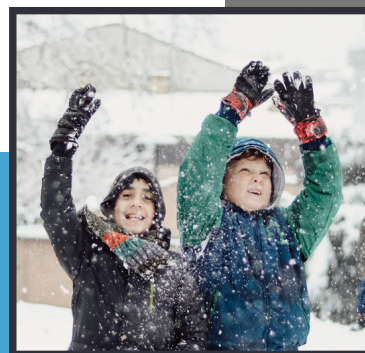
If you're looking for ways to support our organization, mentors, students, there are plenty of ways to get involved. Giving \$50 a month for 12 months would support one mentor pairing for the year. Volunteering five hours a month (about 1-2 hours per week) is approximately the time commitment to become a mentor and support a student in their goals. Research shows that 1:1 mentoring has a positive impact not only on the student but on the mentor as well. Click the "Become a Mentor" button on the right to get involved. Happy Holidays!

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](mailto:katiemae@intentionalmentoringmadison.org).

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*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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