

MONTHLY



UPDATE

A Note from Our Team

We can finally say we are starting to see glimpses of summer and feeling a bit more hope with the warmer weather and news about the pandemic. Here at Intentional Mentoring, we have been trying to maintain the perspective that socially distant does not mean relationally distant. While this is difficult to embody, we saw this happen through so many of our mentorships as they continued to find ways to connect throughout this past year. We hope that this summer can allow for those relational ties to strengthen as more opportunities for connection surface. We thank the continued support of our community to keep these relationships a priority. If you are looking for a way to connect this summer, please let us know!

Summer Happenings

From virtual learning to hybrid learning, and everything in between, it's been an interesting school year to say the least. We are so proud of our students who have persevered and made it through this memorable year. As this school year winds down, we're looking forward to continuing our relationships with mentees and mentors and to share some updates as we move into the summer.

As always, mentoring relationships will continue throughout the summer. Mentoring doesn't just happen during the school year; it is a continuous relationship where mentors and mentees get to experience life and grow together. "We have been so

excited to hear about how relationships have not only lasted, but strengthened throughout the pandemic. We hope that mentors and mentees can find ways that feel safe for them and their families to begin meeting more and more in person as the weather warms and summer comes into view," said Katie Mae, Intentional Mentoring's Founder and Program Coordinator.

With the weather getting nicer these days, there is so much that mentors and mentees can do: visit Henry Vilas Zoo, walk around Olbrich Gardens, the UW Arb, or any of the numerous parks, play a sport outdoors, go on a picnic,

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Shout-out

To STUDENTS in these last few weeks of the school year!
WAY TO TACKLE THE CHALLENGES of this year.



Announcements

Our new training program for mentors and staff will be launching in June!

Stay tuned for more information about this important learning opportunity!



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go for a bike ride, work on a project together, volunteer together, check out a museum, etc. Katie added, "Mentors will continue to have opportunities and activities sent to them through email that they can do with their mentees. We hope to hear from some businesses with some passes to encourage some quality time as we head into summer. If anyone hears of places who would like to contribute OR people would like to donate to mentoring activities, please contact us." And as mentors and mentees enjoy summer adventures together, we'd encourage you to share some pictures with us. We'd love to highlight the awesome things you're doing together this summer and celebrate your mentoring relationship!

Additionally this summer, "The much-anticipated, in-person meetings are beginning to surface! We hope to bring back our organization Cook-Out sometime this summer if things continue to improve. We believe there to be safe ways to make this happen, and it would be good to get everyone

together again to celebrate people in the program -- and the year that we have had," continued Katie. We look forward to when we can celebrate and connect in-person again, so stay tuned!

Finally, we are ready to launch our new training opportunity for mentors and staff. "This is ready and just like planned, it will be ready to go by June. We're just wrapping up a few things. The plan will be shared with mentors beginning in their June coaching meetings, and we hope this plan will help support mentors in areas they have shared important and valuable for training and ongoing conversation," Katie concluded.

With summer comes the excitement to continue our support of mentors, mentees, and the important relationships that we all build, and we can't wait!

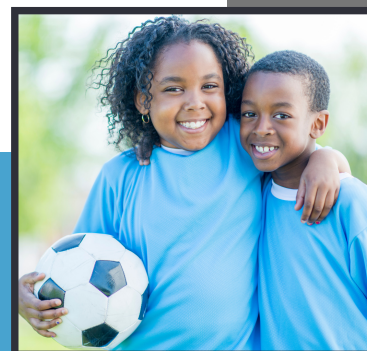
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Our Mission Statement

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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