



THE MENTOR

Fall 2023



What is Campus Connections

Campus Connections is a therapeutic mentoring program in which at risk middle school students meet with a undergraduate mentor and talk about topics such as academics, college prep, social skills development and character building. The mentors provide a one-on-one service with the students while under the supervision of graduate students and licensed professors.

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DIRECTORS DISPATCH



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

Dear Campus Connections Community and Stakeholders,

I am delighted to share with you the profound impact our youth mentoring program is having not only on the mentees but also on the dedicated mentors who contribute their time and wisdom. As a member of the Campus Connections team, I have had the privilege of witnessing the transformative power of mentorship, and it is inspiring to see the ripple effect it creates within our community. Mentors often find that their involvement goes beyond imparting knowledge; it becomes a journey of personal growth and self-discovery. The act of mentoring provides mentors with the opportunity to refine their leadership skills, enhance their communication abilities, and develop a deeper understanding of the diverse perspectives and challenges faced by today's youth. The reciprocal nature of mentorship fosters a sense of fulfillment and purpose among mentors as they witness the positive changes in their mentees' lives.

Moreover, the benefits mentors gain extends beyond the program, influencing their professional and personal lives. Many mentors report increased life satisfaction, improved interpersonal skills, and a heightened sense of empathy. The mentorship experience becomes a two-way street, enriching both mentor and mentee in ways that extend far beyond the duration of the program. I am grateful for the commitment of our mentors and invite others in our community to consider the profound impact they can make by joining our therapeutic youth mentoring program. Together, we can continue to foster a supportive environment that uplifts and empowers the next generation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Joe Wehrman

UCCS Campus Connection Youth Mentoring Program

STAFF AND MENTORS

PROGRAM STAFF

Diane Stutey- Co-Director

Joe Wehrman- Co-Director

Kim Severn- Co-Director/Instructor

Cortny Stark- Co-Director/Research & Grants

Kodi Enkler- Instructor

Molly Cammell- Program Manager

Tylor Teel- Academic Support Professional

Mary Bell- Graduate Assistant

Jessica Archuleta-Trujillo- Graduate Assistant

Emily Schaad- Graduate Assistant

Abby Hart- Graduate Assistant



MENTORS

- Kelsey Bell
- Andi Brown
- Kimberly Burrlesce
- Katelyn Chesser
- Carrie Christensen
- Will Ducharme
- Collin Farley
- Paige Fisher
- Lia Gentry
- Sydney King
- Maylin Kliewer
- Jean Paul Laurenceau
- Che'Paris Mobley
- Sydney Nelson
- Alicia Rice
- Shelby Strode
- Shannon Tiffenbach
- Abby Turner

Graduate Assistant Perspective

Mary Bell

"Being a GA for Campus Connections has connected me to the Colorado Springs community in such a special way! I have really valued my time supporting the mentors and mentees this semester and I look forward to continuing to do so in the spring!"



Jessica Archuleta- Trujilio

"That's what love looks like to me".

"Hearing this statement is when I understood the value of connection. Taking the time to learn how each student wants to be heard, seen, and respected. We develop a care team that listens and creates connections, unlike any other program. That's what campus connections is."



HALLOWEEN DOOR DECORATING



Mentor Recruitment



Be A Mentor!

- Every Thursday 3 pm-8 pm
- 3 credit hours
- Fulfills summit requirement
- Fun activities!



Contact Us!

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contact Molly Cammell for more info!

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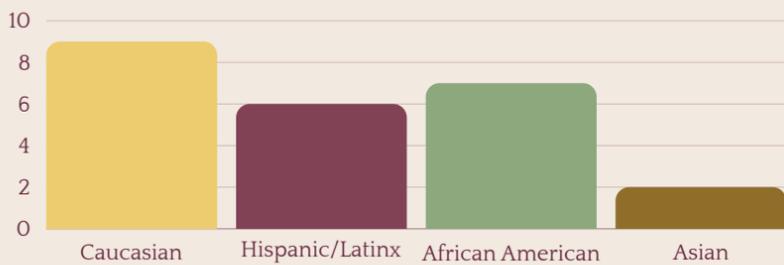
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Fall 2023 Outcomes



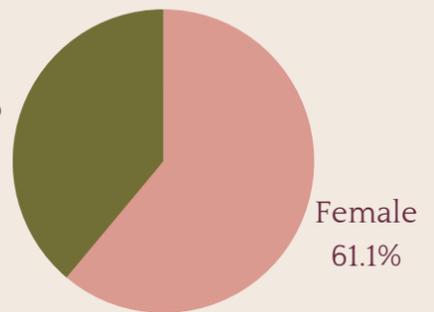
MENTEE INFO

Age Range: 11-14



*Multi-racial/ethnic participants were able to select more than one category making the total greater than 100%

Male
38.9%



SERVICES PROVIDED



12 WEEKS OF THERAPEUTIC MENTORSHIP

COUNSELING SUPPORT

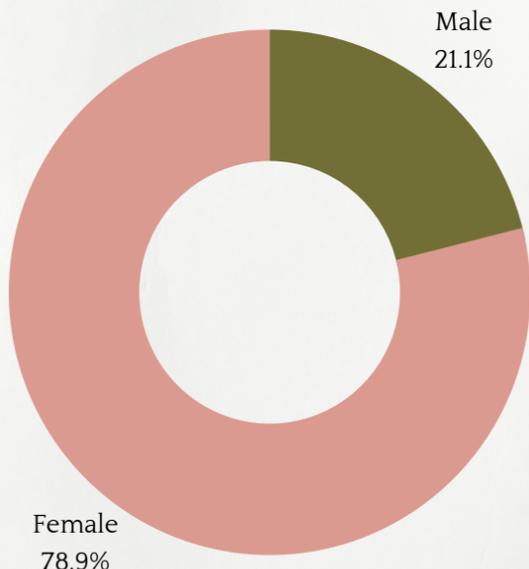


MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES

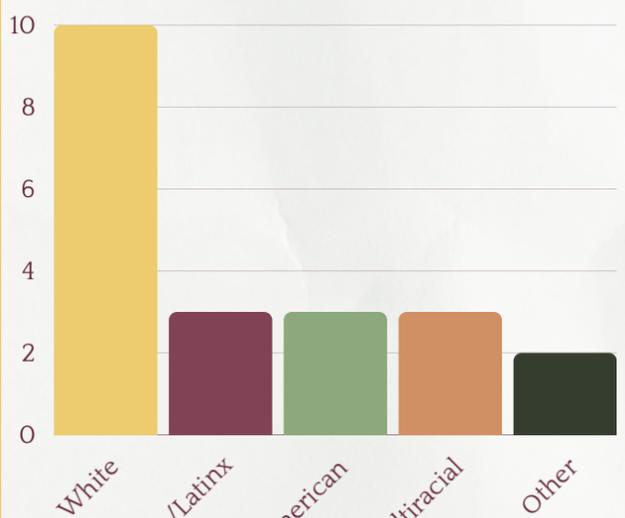
236 FREE MEALS



MENTOR INFO



Age Range: 18-50



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Dinner for Mentors

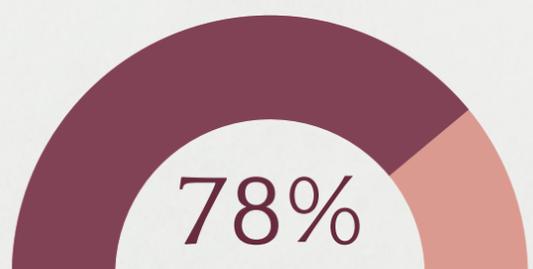
This semester, Campus Connections was able to provide dinners for all mentors in addition to the mentees!



PARTICIPATING MIDDLE SCHOOLS

- Sabin Middle School
- Jack Swigert Aerospace Academy
- Holmes Middle School
- West Middle School
- Mann Middle School

STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH



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