

THE MENTOR

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**CAMPUS
CONNECTIONS**

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WHAT IS CAMPUS CONNECTIONS?

Campus Connections is a wellness and resiliency-oriented service-learning program that pairs UCCS students and youth from the community in mentor-mentee relationships. Youth are referred through our El Paso County community partners and are matched with a UCCS student who provides one-on-one therapeutic mentoring throughout the semester. Mentors spend four hours once a week with their mentee providing academic support, career planning, and promoting positive social skill development. UCCS mentors support youth in building goals while providing a supportive environment to help them achieve those goals. Campus Connections takes place on UCCS's campus, giving participants exposure to university life and the potential to explore the possibilities of lifelong learning.

DIRECTOR'S DISPATCH

Dear UCCS Campus Community and Community Stakeholders,

We had another great semester with Campus Connections and are enjoying being back on the UCCS campus with our amazing youth and their mentors. This semester we had 11 mentors and 11 mentees from across District 11. Youth and their mentors enjoyed the annual traditions of making tie-dyed Campus Connections t-shirts, the Halloween door decorating contest, and attending an end of semester graduation with their families.



This semester the UCCS Family Development Center sponsored us so that we could partner with the Colorado Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). We appreciate that Roaring Forks continues to host our mentors and mentees every Thursday evening at the dining hall. This continues to be a highlight for the youth on our UCCS campus.

We continue to collect and share data on the effectiveness of our Campus Connections program. Youth and their caregivers fill out a pre and post survey each semester and we collect similar data with our UCCS mentors. In addition to this long-term data collection, we have now published six qualitative research articles about Campus Connections and have two more under review. We appreciate all of the youth, caregivers, and mentors who have consented to participating in this research and sharing about their experiences with Campus Connections.

On behalf of the entire team at Campus Connections and the Department of Counseling and Human Services, we would like to take a moment and thank all of our wonderful partners who make this program such a success. We are so thankful for our partnership with School District 11, Inside Out, UCCS dining services, UCCS Faculty Development Center, and our other community partners. We look forward to adding additional partners and opportunities for growth in the future.

Sincerely,

Diane Stutey, PhD

Associate Professor and Department Chair for the Department of
Counseling and Human Services

Campus Connections Co-Director

Campus Connections Advisory Board Member

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS STAFF & MENTORS

STAFF

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Joe Wehrman	Co-Director
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Dani Dickey	Graduate Assistant
Molly Lange	Graduate Assistant
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James Scott	Counseling Intern

MENTORS

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Kade Nordyke
Courtney Agee-Keys
Mya Guerra
Alyssa Langness
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Abigail McAnally
Josiah Cole
Clair Marquardt
Sarah Elling



FROM THE GRADUATE ASSISTANT PERSPECTIVE

AMANDA BONNOT

This was my second semester with Campus Connections, but my first semester as a graduate assistant. Being able to see relational growth in both the mentees and mentors is an incredibly heartwarming experience. I am so glad Campus Connections exists in our community and I'm so grateful for everybody that helps make it happen.



DANI DICKEY

Previously being a mentor, I learned so much from the experience and how much it means to just show up each week and be present with my mentee.

As a GA, I really enjoyed being able to see the mentee and mentor relationships grow each week. I loved leading activities that would get the mentees thinking more.



HALLOWEEN DOOR DECORATING



Every Halloween, Campus Connections mentors and mentees gather around to decorate faculty office doors!



The winning door!



MENTOR RECRUITMENT

We are always
looking for
outstanding
mentors!

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MENTORING AT-PROMISE YOUTH THROUGH
CAMPUS CONNECTIONS IS A GREAT WAY TO:

- Build your resume
- Earn 3 credit hours
- Gain useful experience
- Change the lives of local youth
- Build leadership skills
- Experience a wellness & resiliency-based program



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FALL 2022 OUTCOMES

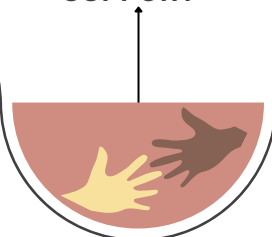
SERVICES

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS PROVIDES:



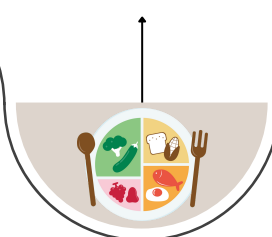
12 WEEKS OF
THERAPEUTIC
MENTORSHIP

COUNSELING
SUPPORT



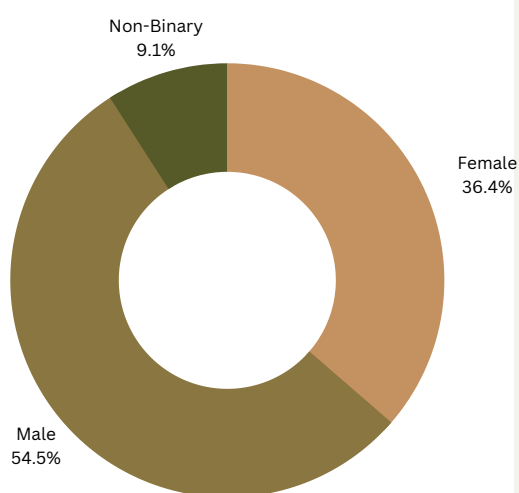
MEANINGFUL
ACTIVITIES

90 FREE MEALS

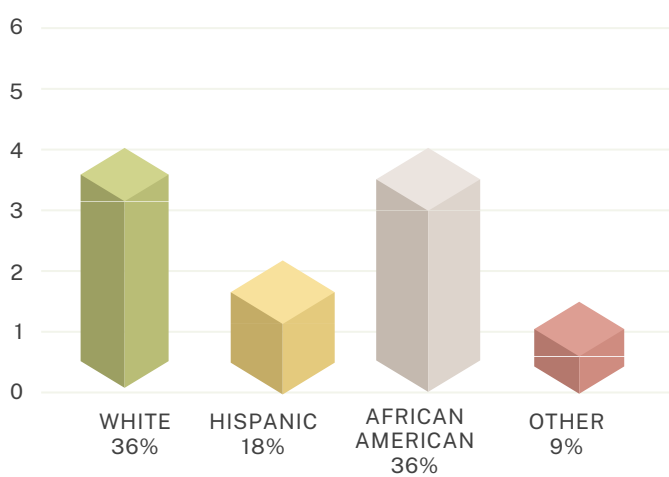


MENTEE INFO

Age Range- 12- 14

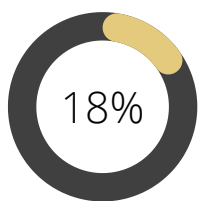


MENTEE DEMOGRAPHIC

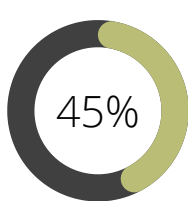


MENTOR DEMOGRAPHIC

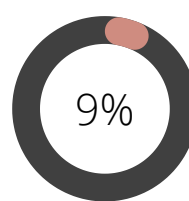
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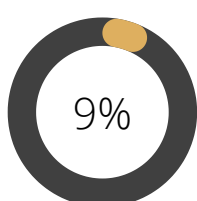
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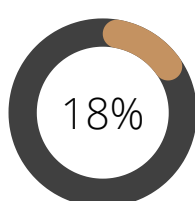
Black/African American



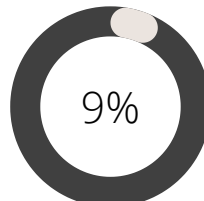
Asian



Multiracial



Other



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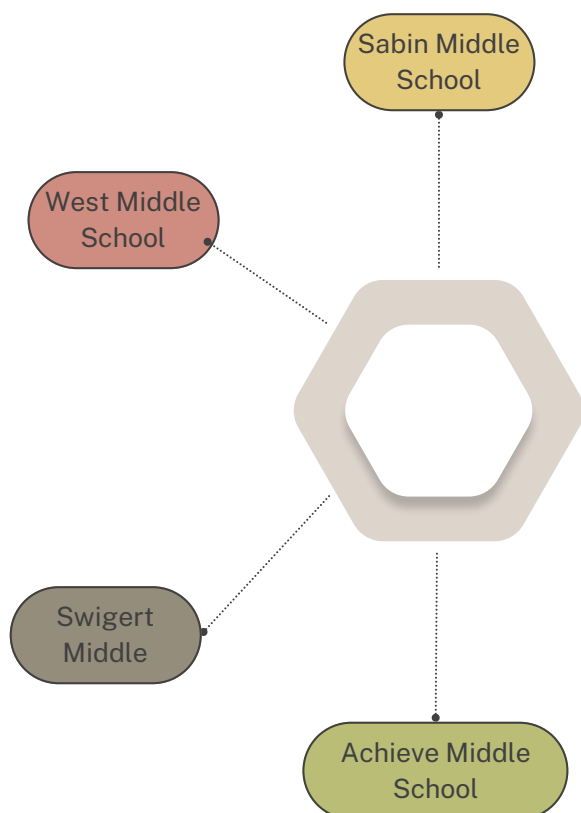
Male-2

Female -9

Age Range-19-28



PARTICIPATING MIDDLE SCHOOLS



Activities

Mentor Led
Social Justice
Digital Wellness

STUDENTS QUALIFIED
FOR FREE/REDUCED
LUNCH

