



# Mentors for College Prep

The purpose of this initiative is to recruit, train & connect 30 adult mentors with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participating in the UALR College Prep program. This is a seven-year program designed to help students prepare for college. An integral part of the program is to connect students to positive mentors in a supportive one-to-one relationship designed to motivate and facilitate student’s educational, social and personal growth. We are asking mentors to commit to one year of participation with the opportunity to continue throughout the seven-year program.

**Children involved in mentor programs are\*:**

- 46% less likely to use drugs.
- 52% less likely to skip school.
- 33% less likely to get into fights.

**National research shows that men and women involved in mentoring programs:**

- Provided rich opportunities to make a difference in their community
- Felt good about the positive impact made on a child's life.
- Developed a wider appreciation of children with diverse backgrounds

**Role of Mentors:**

• **2008 commitment to include the following six activities:**

- **Mentor Orientation**      Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>      5:30-6:30 PM      Bailey Center’s Engel Hall
- OR**      Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>      12:00-1:00 PM      Bailey Center’s Engel Hall
- **Meet Your Student**      Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>      6:00-8:00 PM      Bailey Center’s Engel Hall
- **Global Family Youth Service Day**      Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>      9:00-1:00 PM      Location TBA
- **1<sup>st</sup> Year Celebration**      Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>      11:30-2:00 PM      Murray Lock & Dam- Pavilion 3
- **“Let’s Communicate!”**      Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>      6:00-8:00 PM      Bailey Center’s Engel Hall  
Mentors team with students for an interactive workshop
- **Movie Night, Dinner & Talk back**      Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>      4:00-7:00 PM      Location TBA

**Role of Children International:**

- **Recruit:**
  - Work with Alumni Office, business and community members to recruit UALR alumni to serve as mentors
  - Meet individually or attend Alumni events to share info
  - Create electronic applications, forms and announcements
  - Create brochure for Alumni to recruit
- **Train:**
  - Provide brief orientation and profile of students
  - Complete VIPS background checks
- **Support and Recognize:**
  - Provide electronic forms (sign in sheets) and mentored student
  - Highlight stories of mentors in Alumni, UALR, & LRSD newsletters, website, etc.
  - Invite Mentors to annual luncheon celebration
  - Establish annual “Mentor Award” to recognize outstanding mentors during Awards Night
- **Evaluate:**
  - Create simple electronic tracking system for forms, surveys to assess mentor’s satisfaction
  - Coordinate annual debriefing meeting with Director of Alumni and designated members

\* The statistics above are from Little Rock School District Volunteers in Public Schools **Project 67** brochure