

BYU MENTORSHIP

BYU ALUMNI VENTURA COUNTY/SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER

PURPOSE: *To help disadvantaged and first-generation college students in Ventura County/Santa Barbara area, who are struggling to finish high school or have not considered college, to seek a higher education.*

VISION: *BYU alumni will provide guidance through workshops, interaction, and accountability, to teach prospective student the application processes and other necessary skills to help them be admitted to college. By teaching the importance of education and showing them how to obtain it, we hope to connect personally with the youth and fill the gap of those not completing high school and/or not going on to college.*

GOALS:

- Teach importance of education.
- Teach financial, scholastic, and spiritual preparation.
 - Instruct them on the application requirements, process
 - Encourage extra-curricular activities and service
 - Encourage students to finish seminary and high school requirements
 - Encourage good grades and recommend services for tutoring when needed
 - Introduce BYU Independent Study, IBA, BYU-I “Pathways,” or other school resources
 - Assist in forming a budget for school and prepare to apply for scholarships
- Award BYU Scholarships to fund one semester, in addition to Replenishment Grant
- Presentations on the importance of education for seminaries. (Involve mgmt. society/ward reps)
- Trip to BYU-Idaho & BYU
- Education Workshop – Incorporate current BYU students from the area
- Refer students to local high school career centers when necessary
- Promote SOAR, EFY; an opportunity for them to catch the spirit of BYU
- Provide growth opportunity for the BYU Alumni Association

FRAMEWORK:

BYU Alumni Chapter

- A. Education Reps (*or something to call me & Mike*)
 1. Coordinate the program, including: workshops, seminary presentations, BYU trip (*With the help of others, of course!*)
 2. Provide information and resources for youth and parents regarding higher education.
- B. Mentors (Alumni reps from wards or cities)
 1. Get involved—ask and encourage youth from your ward or area to attend college
 2. Provide information for youth & PARENTS about college, or refer them to Mike & Crystal
 3. Assist with workshops, or seminary presentations, and encourage youth & PARENTS to attend.
- C. Workshops, 1 or 2 per year
 1. Application Process
 2. High school graduation requirements

3. Independent study/ IBA / AP/ other college level options
4. Local resources from high schools (tutoring, local colleges, special programs)
5. ACT/SAT practice/prep and other test-prep resources
6. Service and leadership opportunities
7. Current BYU students and/or alumni
8. Spread SOAR, EFY and BYU summer camp information
9. Financial preparation
10. Invite BYU Management Society/Cougar Club to be involved

D. Scholarships

1. Replenishment Grant
2. Try to raise funds for one-semester scholarships

TIMELINE:

January

- Present program to BYU Alumni board for approval
- Funding plan for the program; ask specific persons for donations; (Estimated cost will be based on number of students/stakes.)

February-March

- Spread the word and recruit ward representatives
- Presentations to seminary/institute classes (upon request) about education, encouraging BYU, independent study, & EFY/SOAR
- Arrange host families for BYU Trip

April

- Trip to BYU-Idaho or BYU or both (to begin next year); take students who meet requirements, or invite individuals

April or May

- Education workshop for all youth and parents. Ideas: "A Day at BYU"; current student panel, high school requirements, application process—Leadership/Scholarship/Service (So the youth can sign up for classes they need for the upcoming year,) funding, FOOD 😊; alumni help put it together and attend to assist youth

Fall

- Be Smart Fireside
- SAT/ACT Workshop

NEEDS:

Mentors (Ward Reps)

Current BYU students that want to help with the workshop

Plan for funding scholarships-Extra from Replenishment Grant

Contact Management Society & Cougar Club

Contact CES and let them know we are available to do presentations

Decide date and theme for April workshop