



Come Celebrate!
Be our VIP Guests!

Chester County Futures
1st Annual "A Strike for Education"
Bowl-A-Thon
November 21, 2009
1:15pm-3:15pm
Palace Bowling, Downingtown, PA

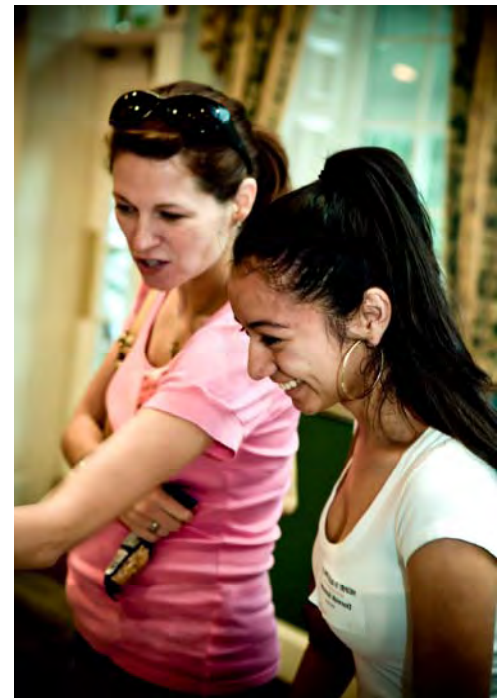
*Come join Futures' kids for a just-for-fun Bowling Party on Saturday, Nov. 21!
Come to bowl or just drop in anytime 1:15 to 3:15 PM to say hi. You've mentored one of
our terrific 232 students! Come be with the kids and have fun!
NOT a Fundraiser! This entire party is sponsored by dozens of local businesses that
believe in what we're doing and appreciate what YOU are doing to help!*

WHO FINDS A MENTOR, FINDS A **TREASURE**

In the eighth century BC, the Greek writer Homer wrote an epic poem describing Odysseus's adventures during his 10-year voyage home after the Trojan War. While he was gone, he entrusted the care and education of his beloved son, Telemachus, to his faithful friend Mentor. Almost three thousand years later that man's name has come to mean **a wise and trusted counselor.**

'Mentor' is used to describe a favorite teacher, a wise master, an insightful friend, an experienced educator, a seasoned guide, or a guru. A mentor is **essential for achieving success in life.** And in the world of enterprise, the need for a mentor is further highlighted, where the right advise at the right time can achieve wonders.

Mentors are the keepers of important traditions and life-shaping stories: they **pass on the knowledge** that would be difficult for a beginner to learn on his own and teach all that is needed to know to achieve success in the chosen fields. Socrates, a classic mentor, described himself as, "a mid-wife assisting the labor of the mind in bringing knowledge and wisdom to birth".

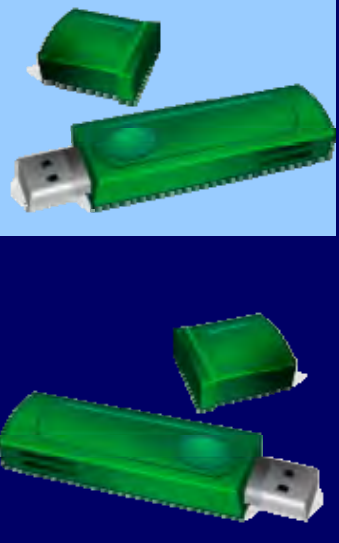


Mentor Pauline with Mentee Doreidi at the 2008 Passport to College Expo

THANK YOU FOR BEING A **TREASURE**

TO OUR STUDENTS!

What We Are Up To...



The school year is in full swing for the students of Chester County Futures, and we are covering some exciting topics in our after-school classes. The focus for all of our classes right now is developing a clear vision and setting goals. That means something different for each grade level. For 9th and 10th graders, that might mean setting a goal to make honor roll or to take more courses relevant to their career interests. For our 11th graders, that might mean earning a particular score on their SATs.; and for our seniors it means setting goals to apply to a certain number of colleges and scholarships.

To help our juniors and seniors set, track, and achieve these college preparatory goals, we are now equipping them with "Futures Flash Drives," loaded with college application data, scholarship trackers, meeting schedules, and other tools to help keep them on track for high school graduation and post-secondary education.

BE POSITIVE!

One of the best things you can do is provide your mentees with positive feedback on their performance and character traits. One key way to do this is to use sincere phrases:

*"I believe in you." "You can do it." "You did a terrific job of completing that project."
"I like the way you had a positive attitude through that difficult time."
"You're a very honest individual. I admire your integrity."*

These are just examples; you can think of dozens or even hundreds more. Research indicates that such positive reinforcement from a respected person (you) helps your mentees learn faster and better.

*excerpt from an article **Basics for Mentors, Part 2**
by Dr. Linda Phillips-Jones*

A very nice quote from an unknown author read:

"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could."

The mentor does just that. They believe that their mentees can do it. This, in itself, is usually encouragement enough for the mentee to do their best to succeed in life.

EFFECTIVE VS. INEFFECTIVE MENTORING

EFFECTIVE

1. Involve youth in deciding how time together is spent
2. Make a commitment to being consistent and dependable
3. Accept that the relationship may be one-sided for a time, and take responsibility for keeping the relationship going
4. Pay attention to the need to have fun
5. Show respect for differing viewpoints
6. See and utilize program supports

INEFFECTIVE

1. Adopt a parental or authoritative role
2. Emphasize behavior changes rather than the development of trust and respect
3. Have difficulty meeting regularly and consistently
4. Expecting the student to take an equal role in initiating contact
5. Try to instill values
6. Ignore advice from program staff

LOCAL THINGS TO DO

AMERICAN HELICOPTER MUSEUM

American Helicopter Museum & Education Center
1220 American Boulevard
West Chester, PA 19380

<http://www.helicoptermuseum.org/>

Open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00 pm
Open Sunday from 12:00pm (noon) to 5:00 pm
Monday and Tuesday open by appointment only.

Individual Ticket Rates
Adults - \$7.00
Seniors - \$6.00
Students - \$5.00

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Villanova University Theatre
Department Productions
800 Lancaster Avenue
Villanova, PA 19085
Box Office: 610-519-7474

www.theatre.villanova.edu

Since 1995, the theatre department has received 50 nominations and six Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre from the Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia.

As You Like It

By William Shakespeare
November 10 – November 22, 2009

Annie Get Your Gun

Music and Lyrics by Irving Berlin
March 23 – March 28 and
April 6 – April 18, 2010

Average prices for the shows are \$7.00 - \$20.00 per ticket

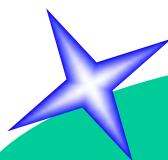
Mentor Activities!



Mentor Stacey and Mentee Kera (pictured left) enjoyed a fun outing at the "Painted Plate."



This summer, Mentor Gene and his wife took Mentee Wayland to Washington, DC. While in DC, they toured the White House and the Capitol Building, courtesy of Senator Arlen Specter's office. It was a great day for all!



MENTOR ROUNDTABLE!!

October 26, 2009, 6:30pm

Chester County Futures' Corporate Office in Exton, PA
Please join us for a gathering of Futures' mentors to share time together. There will be a guest speaker and light refreshments.

EMAIL INVITE TO FOLLOW!

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