COLLEGE ACCESS MENTOR PROGRAM
VOLUNTEER MENTOR
POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is your opportunity to help turn dreams into reality. By volunteering for the College Access Mentor Program (CAMP), you will empower under-represented students and make a lasting impact on their future. At Ocean Discovery Institute our operating premise is simple: by receiving high-quality science learning opportunities, kids in low-income neighborhoods develop a passion for academics and research, stay in school, go to college, and gain the skills and experience they need for success in high-paying fields where they make a difference.

Your role is to help them in the biggest and most important step. As a CAMP Mentor you will be paired with a high school senior to support their exploration of higher education – a process that ranges from considering post-secondary options and applying to college, to understanding financial aid and earning scholarships.

Our students are on the path to becoming first-generation college students. They envision entering fields like biotech, engineering, environmental consulting, marine biology, education, and public policy. The job of a CAMP mentor is to help map out this journey: where to apply, what majors to pursue, potential careers, possible pitfalls, and options they may not have imagined.

For more information on our mentor and volunteer opportunities visit www.OceanDiscoveryInstitute.org/volunteer/
For a look at what we do, check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3O_fnQ-uWM

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Meet weekly with mentee from September to June.
  - Due to COVID-19, meetings will take place virtually until it is determined safe to meet in person again.
- Coach mentee through decisions, allowing them to critically think about their higher education plans and empowering them to take action.
- Create accountability for students to complete CAMP checklist items, and regularly communicate progress on pathway decisions and applications with College and Career Coordinator.
- Explore student’s career interests through job shadows and connecting students to personal network.
- Arrange at least 1 field trip opportunity per semester to strengthen the mentor-mentee relationship.
- Attend all CAMP events and track volunteer hours monthly. See time commitment below.
- Must pass fingerprinting / background check and adhere to Ocean Discovery’s risk management policies.

TIME COMMITMENT
This program requires a high level of commitment to your mentee. It is a 1-year relationship, where we begin training in June and formally close the program the following June, with an average work load of 5-10 hours per month.Outlined below are all the required CAMP events and activities.

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QUALIFICATIONS:
- Enjoy working with youth toward achieving life goals.
- Patient with student performance and open minded to the multiplicity of pathways available after high school.
- Embrace challenges that arise as opportunities for student empowerment.
- Act with awareness, appreciation, and sensitivity towards low-income and multicultural youth and families.
- Proficient in computer software to include Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, typing.
- Comfortable interacting with youth in a virtual manner (provided guidelines by the organization).
- Experience in STEM fields preferred; ability to communicate in Spanish helpful.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact Christina Contreras, College and Career Coordinator at ccontreras@oceandi.org, for more information about how to apply!