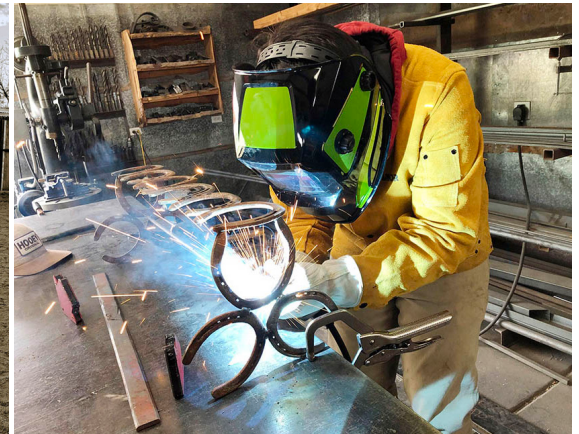


THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM at Monte del Sol Charter School



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RECENT MENTORSHIPS have included:

Fashion Design, Barbering, Drone Photography, Hip Hop Dance, Violin, Orthodontics, Soccer, Volleyball, Welding, Blacksmithing, Investment + Entrepreneurship, • Real Estate, Financial Literacy + Home Buying, Japanese Culinary Arts + Anime Cuisine, FX Makeup + Prosthetics, Bioinformatics + Super-Computing, Photography, Piano and Aviation.

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Mentorship in a Snapshot

"You've also taught me more than just dancing Ballet Folklórico. When I messed up on the Cucaracha dance at the performance, you motivated me to keep dancing because no one had an idea that I had messed up. You have set such a great example for me, by showing me that no matter how busy life gets, we should never push the things we love away. And most importantly to believe in the things we are all capable of doing."
— Monte del Sol Protégé, Aaliyah Cuellar

A cornerstone of Monte del Sol since 2000, the Mentorship Program provides opportunities for students to learn from a community member in a field they are passionate about. This innovative curriculum, which now serves as a model for other schools in the district, plays a leading role in connecting our students to the community. Mentorships offer a unique learning environment precisely because it begins with an interest or passion initiated by the student.

Each year, up to 100 mentors with many areas of expertise donate 3,000–5,000 hours in Mentorships. To date over 3,500 Mentorships have been completed.

- Student picks a field of interest (August/September)
- Student matched w/ Mentor (September/October)
- Program runs September/October through April/May
- Mentors donate their time to the program
- Meeting: two hours per week outside of school hours
- Students' Commitment/Respect/Responsibility crucial
- Family Commitment + Support crucial
- Students & families responsible for transportation
- Attend Mentor Appreciation Evening (mid-Feb)
- Academic Portfolio (early - April)
- Perform/present at Mentorship Festival (late - April)
- One credit per Mentorship per year
- Two HS Mentorship credits needed for graduation