

Dear UC Blue Ash/Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentors –

Thank you so much for volunteering to be a Mentor for the 2019-2020 academic year. We are so excited for and appreciative of your engagement, as are the students you will be connecting with! We hope you use this handbook – and your on-campus College Mentor Coordinator – as a resource to help you navigate your Mentoring relationship this year.

WHO: Incoming UC Blue Ash Students and you!

WHAT: A one-on-one Mentoring relationship or “friendship with a vision”

WHEN: The duration of UCBA 2019 – 2020 academic year (option to continue, if interested)

WHY: To build an in-depth and meaningful relationship that will not only encourage the growth of the student academically, but personally and professionally as well!

Though we have included a calendar with important dates, please keep in mind that we will have several events throughout the year that are to be determined (Mid-Year Kickoff Event, UCBA campus activities, and CYC events)! Your Mentor Coordinator will communicate these dates appropriately, but please make note of the two important upcoming dates:

Mentor Relationship Matching will occur on August 28th, 2019 and will be sent via email

Mentoring Kickoff Event will be held on September 4th, 2019 from 4:45-6:15pm at UC Blue Ash

To help make sure your relationship is running smoothly all year long, we will be sending out surveys, through SurveyMonkey, for you to complete three times per semester. This is a great opportunity to let us know what you and your student have been working on and the status of the goals you are working towards. It will also help give us a quick snapshot of how your relationship is doing and the frequency you and your student are meeting! We expect this survey to be completed in the time frame given to you by your Mentor Coordinator.

You will be supporting our students this year, but remember that we are supporting YOU! To help encourage the success of your relationship, you will have access to an on-campus Mentor Coordinator, several CYC College Mentoring Coordinators, and UCBA staff and faculty.

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Thank you again for being a part of the UC Blue Ash and Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring initiative on campus. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Best,

Your UC Blue Ash and Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Mentoring Team