

**Concord-Carlisle
Community Connections**



Student mentorships at work

Concord-Carlisle Community Connections, now beginning its sixth year, is an intergenerational mentoring program made available to the sophomore, junior and senior classes at Concord-Carlisle High School in the second semester of each school year. In its first five years, the program has served approximately 135 students, supported by a dedicated group of mentors which is growing each year. The program provides one-on-one connections with active or retired local professionals from a variety of disciplines, seeking to match students with mentors in fields of expressed student interest. Mentors from any field of professional endeavor are welcome. Academic credit of 1.25 credit hours are awarded to students who complete the required 8-10 hours of meeting time over the course of the program semester, in four or five 1-½ to 2 hour sessions between early February and the first week in May. Any student is welcome to apply, and applications for the program open in November.

Mentors and students are asked collaborate in building program formats that are relevant to and focused on the expressed needs of the student, with encouragement to consider the supplied outline of possible discussion topics and the guides for mentor and student engagement. Field visits with individuals in the mentor's network or with mentor clients/customers are actively encouraged.

The mentoring engagements are designed to provide students – through an intergenerational exchange – an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and adversities faced by people and organizations in their daily pursuits and the competing choices and sacrifices often required in achieving personal and professional goals. Community mentors are asked to be especially attentive for opportunities to share with students notions of the importance of teamwork and collaboration, developing interpersonal and problem-solving skills, the value of building personal and professional networks, the need for personal interaction in the workplace, appreciating human differences, and other related teachings.

For Further Information

Interested students should be in contact with Steve Wells, Program Coordinator (swells@concordcarlisle.org) or by phone at 978-341-2490, extension 7209. Inquiries from prospective mentors should be directed to John Fossett, Founder and Program Director, by phone (978-369-0049) or e-mail (jnfossett17@gmail.com). Website: [cchs-connections.org]