

# You: **Connected** through youth mentoring

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# Start Connecting

The Service-Learning Program at the College of Education offers **youth mentoring** opportunities for all students. The **Connections to College** program matches college student volunteers with elementary, middle, and high school students in a powerful two-way relationship. In partnership with **Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley**, you can encourage Club members to achieve their personal and academic goals and realize that college is accessible to all who desire it and are willing to pursue it.

**While mentors help youth grow, the program helps mentors grow.** In addition to preparing youth for college and life, the program provides you as a college student mentor with multiple professional development opportunities, civic

engagement trainings, and hands-on skills that directly translate to the workforce.

## **There are many different positions available.**

Young people need one-to-one mentors, small group mentors, and club co-advisors. You can share your skills and interests from a passion for art to technical expertise. If you like working with kids, we probably have something that matches your talents!

**Connect:** Passion for working with young people ▪ Pursuit of learning & growth ▪ Desire to improve community

### **Commitment:**

- One term, **30 hours**

This translates to three hours a week spent at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Emerald Valley in Westmoreland Park.

*Training hours can be included in your 30 volunteer hours.*

### **Development Opportunities:**

The program offers multiple **professional** and **personal** development opportunities throughout the quarter.

- Effective Mentoring Practices (required)
- Relationship Closure (required)

#### **CHOICE OF TWO OFFERINGS**

- Personal Development and Civic Engagement
- Professional Development and Workforce Preparation

### **Current Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Youth mentors (ages 6–10)
- Youth mentors (ages 11–18)
- *Career Launch* mentors
- *Passport to Manhood* co-advisor
- *Torch Club* co-advisor (ages 11–13)
- *Keystone Club* co-advisor (ages 14–18)
- *Healthy Habits* co-advisor
- *Degrees to Diplomas (d2D)* coordinator
- Club volunteer
- Arts and crafts volunteer
- Digital arts and technology volunteer
- Website designer