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C4C Mentor Honored at the Myra Kraft Community MVP Awards



C4C CEO Marquis Taylor and C4C College Mentor and Awardee Michael Thompson at Gillette Stadium with the New England Patriots' six Super Bowl Vince Lombardi Trophies

On Thursday, June 6th, The New England Patriots Foundation presented Coaching4Change and C4C College Mentor, Michael Thompson, with a Myra Kraft Community MVP Award. The award

recognizes those who exemplify leadership, dedication, and a commitment to serving their nonprofit and its community.

Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, and his son, Josh Kraft, President of the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation, spoke to the personal importance of these awards to honor the memory of Myra Kraft and her lifelong commitment to giving back.

As a College Mentor, Michael Thompson worked at YouthBuild Preparatory Academy in Providence, Rhode Island, providing much-needed targeted instruction to students engaged in academic recovery. This hands-on support fostered academic growth, improved attendance, and instilled confidence in students facing academic challenges. Michael also served as a social emotional resource to students actively working towards the betterment of students' lives. He assisted students dealing with personal challenges, interpersonal conflicts, family struggles, or emotionally overwhelming situations. Michael energized students with his own stories of academic triumph in the face of adversity, inspiring them to pursue secondary education opportunities.

This May, Michael received his Master's degree from the Brown University School of Public Health and will continue his devotion to supporting others through his new role as a Health Fellow at the Kresge Foundation. Michael exemplifies the spirit of Coaching4Change College Mentors and their passion to ignite change for the next generation.

What are YOU doing this Summer?

For many, summertime means relaxation and enjoyment. For a student who has fallen behind at school or needs additional assistance, it can be a time of anxiety. Coaching4Change College Mentors encourage and engage young learners during the summer to improve their academic standing, learn new skills, make new friends, and return to school in the fall ready for a new year with confidence.

Will you consider a gift to support these K-12 students?

Your gift of \$250 or more will sponsor a K-12 student to attend a summer program that will change their life.

“My kid looks forward to the C4C program because they get to interact with their college mentor. My kid thinks the college mentor is the coolest guy in the world and it has improved his school experience. He now wants to go to school everyday.” - Anonymous Parent

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From The Desk of the CEO

As I reflect on the joys of summer—boating, beach days, and backyard barbecues with family—I am also deeply aware of the vital role summer learning plays in the lives of many students. For some kids, summer is not just a break but a crucial period for credit recovery and academic improvement, ensuring they stay on track to graduate. This season presents a unique opportunity to combat the learning slide that can set students back. By leveraging the energy and expertise of College Mentors, we can inspire and support these young minds, providing them with the guidance and encouragement they need to succeed. Your generous donation can make a significant impact, transforming summer into a time of growth and achievement for these students. Together, we can make a difference and help every child reach their full potential.

Best,
Marquis

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