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Empowering College Students to Ignite Change for the Next Generation

ALKU Grant Sparks Creativity

Coaching4Change is the proud recipient of a \$50,000 Catalyst Grant from the ALKU Foundation. This grant will provide seed funding to benefit under-resourced Greater Boston communities by expanding the C4C model and founding a new Hub. In School Year 2024, C4C placed 192 College Mentors to serve 4525 K-12 students in 27 schools. Through the creation of a Boston Hub, C4C will be able to hire 45 College Mentors across 15 schools to serve an additional 900 high-need K-12 students.

The ALKU Foundation encouraged grant submissions via video, which inspired C4C to harness a new communication medium. Through this process, Coaching4Change created a video that illuminates its mission, programming, and successes.



Please click on the image below to watch!

College Mentors Return and Reunite



Coaching4Change has expanded to 29 schools this fall, including 12 new schools in Massachusetts and one new Rhode Island partner. By integrating 72 College Mentors into classrooms, C4C is promoting the educational and personal development of high-need K-12 students, while also offering college students valuable, career-shaping experiences in education.

College Mentor engagement is designed to increase students' confidence, connection, and self-advocacy skills. At this fall's training, College Mentors practiced facilitating productive conflict resolution conversations and shared behavior management techniques for the classroom.

Over time, College Mentors develop meaningful relationships with their K-12 mentees that motivate them to return again and again. On average, College Mentors spend 3 semesters with C4C. This stability is rewarding for both mentor and mentee.

One College Mentor in Fall River shared: "I had a great first day yesterday, and I am returning to my site for the fourth semester. It was so great to see familiar faces and see that the students were excited to see me and remembered me. I was greeted with a lot of smiling faces and hugs which warmed my heart. I am very excited for this semester and I hope to dive even deeper into the school and soak up as much knowledge and experience as I can."



YOUR GENEROSITY supports College Mentors, students, schools, teachers, and communities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Please consider a gift to assist Coaching4Change in its transformational work during these challenging times.

GIVE NOW

From The Desk of the CEO

Coaching4Change (C4C) is proud to share that over 40% of our graduating seniors are landing jobs in education. Our approach is simple yet powerful: we create real-world experiences where college students can showcase their talents, build relationships with professionals, and grow as leaders in the field.

By stepping into classrooms and working directly with students, C4C College Mentors learn how to engage, inspire, and lead. Educators and school administrators see how our mentors handle challenges, connect with students, and make an impact. 40% of our college students leverage the trust they've built with school leaders to secure jobs in education right after graduation.



Please click on the picture to watch a video with Lauryn Griffey-Parks, a former College Mentor who was inspired to become a teacher through her C4C experience.

Now, C4C is asking, "How can we help the other 60% of our College Mentors who seek careers in other industries?" C4C is exploring how to leverage the experiences gained through mentoring and tutoring to open doors in other sectors.

The leadership, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills that C4C College Mentors gain are transferable across industries. By creating more opportunities for college students to meet and interact with professionals, we can help more of our mentors use their C4C experience to launch successful careers in a variety of fields. Our vision is to create a workforce development pathway where every College Mentor, regardless of their career interests, can use their time with Coaching4Change as a springboard to professional success. Yours *- Marquis*

THANK YOU!

Coaching4Change is deeply appreciative of donations at every level and thanks the many donors whose gifts enabled us to empower college students to ignite change for the next generation. THANK YOU!

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