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Dear Reader,

It is that time of year again...we are recruiting mentors for our fall programs. If you would like to learn more about mentoring students for just four hours per month, please contact Laurie Tarter at laurie@winningfutures.org or apply [here](#). Mentoring takes place during the morning or at lunch in Warren, Pontiac, and Detroit.

Also, please be sure to get your raffle ticket by clicking [here](#).

Have a great day!
Kris Marshall
President & CEO

Celebrating Success - A Mentor's Story



For the first time as a mentor, I went to the commencement ceremony for Community High School to watch a student I mentored graduate. The pride I felt watching him walking in with the rest of the graduates was truly comparable to when my daughter graduated high school.

As I listened to the students speak, I was impressed by how much they valued their time in Winning Futures with their mentors and Laurie Tarter, the program facilitator. The emotion they showed as they talked only emphasized the words more. Some even said they looked forward to Tuesdays only because of Winning Futures. That's quite an impressive statement that shows the value of mentorship and the power of positive thinking.

After the ceremony, seeing the students emerge to a throng of cheering parents, siblings, and family was fun to watch...the enthusiasm was contagious. I anxiously watched for my mentee to give him a congratulations card. Once he saw me his smile grew large and the bear hug he gave me completed my day and his. I'm glad I'm a mentor. Mentors make a difference!

Dave Fernholz - Community High Mentor

Raffle Tickets On Sale



Remember to purchase your prize raffle tickets by July 28th. Tickets are 1 for \$10, 3 for \$20, and 8 for \$50.

Five winners will receive prize packages between \$500 and \$2,000!

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Networking Breakfast Success!

By Joni Nelson, Board Chair, V.P. Ilitch Holdings

On Friday June 5, 2009, Winning Futures held our 2nd annual networking breakfast at the Troy Marriott with 95 attendees. The breakfast event provided the guests with an opportunity to learn more about Winning Futures, the mentoring program, and the some of the successes of the program.

Attendees were treated to a great breakfast and an enlightening presentation by Winning Futures' CEO, Kris Marshall, which outlined our history, the mentoring program details, and some of the state and national recognition the program has received. To view the presentation, click [here](#).

During the breakfast, the audience heard from students who were recently mentored through the Winning Futures program. The students shared how being mentored has set them on a successful path in life. Mentors also shared what the program and mentoring has meant to them. All of the presentations were truly inspiring.



As a result of the Networking Breakfast, 25 attendees signed up on the spot to become mentors and 4 attendees signed up to be considered for board positions. Since then, even more have started the process!

Thanks to the Winning Futures Staff, the Winning Futures Board, the Troy Marriott, and our mentors and students for making this breakfast truly an enjoyable and successful event.

To become a volunteer, complete our sign-up [form](#).

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