Leadership Launch and Leadership Snohomish County: Partnering to Mentor Aspiring Student Leaders

Leadership Launch is a growing nonprofit organization making a big impact in Snohomish County. Our mission is to teach young people how to engage in their communities and grow into high-impact leaders. Our team uses student-driven “Launch Projects” to help students discover their passion, develop their character, and prioritize education.

Our students are in their freshmen year of high school through first year in college, with the majority of students facing significant financial and personal hardship. Most students will be the first in their family to attend college. Developing confidence and trust and defining their own path to success—including goals to impact their communities—are often challenging for Leadership Launch students. But with the help of Leadership Snohomish County alumni mentors like yourself, we can help change that.

We Need LSC Grads for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

In collaboration with Leadership Snohomish County, Leadership Launch is seeking LSC alumni to mentor our high school students. Our students have the potential and desire to impact their communities, but need additional resources, opportunities, and support from leaders like you.

As a mentor, you’ll bring your student to community or leadership events, and introduce them to other leaders in our community. You’ll also support students on their own leadership journeys, provide accountability, and offer guidance as they develop student-identified community projects.

Mentor Expectations

During the academic year, as a mentor you should:
- Meet with your student at least one hour per month (October – June)
- In lieu of your regular monthly meeting, bring your student to two community leadership events (e.g., Kiwanis, Rotary, or Chamber meetings, networking events, etc)

Total time commitment for the year = ~ 20 hours

Becoming a Mentor

The first steps to becoming a Leadership Launch mentor, is to 1). fill out a mentor application, (www.leadershiplaunch.org/be-a-mentor) 2). complete a background check, and 3). be interviewed by a Leadership Launch board member.

Those accepted to the program should plan on attending the following key dates/activities:
- Student Social (date in August TBD). Join Leadership Launch to meet students and participate in fun activities
- Watch the movie, Paper Tigers, prior to Mentor Orientation
- Wednesday, September 25: Mentor Orientation (half-day)

If you would like to learn more or are interested in joining our mentor team, please contact Kandace Barnes, Leadership Launch Board Chair, at Kandace.barnes@gmail.com, or 206-755-7417, or Kathy Coffey, Leadership Snohomish County Executive Director at kathyc@leadershipsc.org

In Gratitude & Service,

Rachel Kittle and Kathy Coffey