



**EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**
OF SARASOTA COUNTY

Mentoring Newsletter

November 2022

Mentoring Workshops Planned

Mark your calendars for November 2 and December 6, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Two exceptional workshops will be held at the LaunchPad4U, 1413 Blvd of the Arts. These workshops are intended for mentors, whether current, past or future.

**Nov. 2 | Preparing Students
to Enter the Post High School World
Presented by: Len Brzozowski**

**Dec. 6 | First-Generation College Success:
Remembering Joe College
Presented by: Jonelle Beatrice**



How do we best help position the students we mentor for future life success? What is the best post-high school pathway for our them? Is college a good idea? Which one? What major should they pursue? What career path leads our students to achieve their own life goals? What are the consequences of all these complex choices?

We all have beliefs and opinions that shape our behaviors as mentors as we try to guide our students to answer these daunting questions. These biases come from our own accumulated life experiences and from the things we have seen and learned from those

around us. When we get those opportunities to influence the thinking of our students, or possibly “nudge” them in a particular way, these paradigms define the direction we will “lean” when interacting.

In this workshop, we will examine these beliefs regarding college and career. We will examine some new facts and information that may stimulate our thinking about them. We will also engage in some creative problem solving to identify new tools and approaches we might take that can make us more effective life guides for our students.

The myth of Joe (not Josephine) College has been passed down through the generations. This is the fantasy that not too long ago there were students (predominately male) who entered college well-prepared academically and well-off financially. These were college students who were independent and goal driven, had an infinite amount of time to enjoy the rich and varied activities of campus life and could graduate in four years. If such students exist today, they are truly in the minority, and they are the polar opposites of our first-generation college students.

This workshop will explore the realities of being

the first in a family to attend college. Using my mentee’s experience as a first-semester college student and my experience as a former Executive Director of Student Success, we will discuss how to retain first-generation college students, especially when many of the factors that lead to college success are impeded by the unique challenges of being first generation. We will examine how enrollment status, residence, campus engagement, finances, employment, and mental health uniquely impact first-generation students and will discuss what we can do as mentors to facilitate our students’ first-year success.

Join us for our

UPCOMING

student workshops

**FAFSA Open House
Suncoast Polytechnical High School**

4650 S Beneva Rd, Sarasota, FL

November 2, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Financial Literacy Workshop
LaunchPad4U**

1413 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL

November 5, 2022
10:00 - 11:30 am

**FAFSA Open House
North Port High School**

6400 W Price Blvd, North Port, FL

November 7, 2022
4:00 - 7:00 pm

**FAFSA Open House
LaunchPad4U**

1413 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL

November 9, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 pm

**FAFSA Open House
North Port Public Library**

13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL

November 9, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 pm

**Career Exploration Workshop
LaunchPad4U**

1413 Blvd of the Arts, Sarasota, FL

November 12, 2022
10:00 - 11:30 am

**FAFSA Open House
Sarasota High School**

2155 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL

November 16, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 pm

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these workshops
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