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# Near-Peer Mentors

for 9th and 10th graders 2022-23

## Why should I sign up for a mentor?

A Near-Peer mentor is a Peak Ed scholar, just like you, who has already completed high school and at least one year of college. They've been where you are now, recently enough to relate to your experience. They can provide you with another layer of encouragement and support as you transition into high school and move through your sophomore year. Mentors can help you set short and long-term goals, share time management and study tips for high school and tell you about college life as you work toward your own college and career goals. You'll have your own person to check in with, helping you stay motivated and engaged with Peak Education programming. They can help you make the most of it and see its value from their perspective. Best of all, a Near-Peer mentor is a friend who cares about you. Maybe you'll be inspired to become a Near-Peer mentor in a few years!

## What do mentor pairs do?

In August, mentees and mentors are paired and meet for the first time. Starting in September, all mentor pairs meet together as a group monthly on Zoom at 5pm on the **SECOND SUNDAY** of each month.

Activities and topics vary with the time of year and needs of the group. In addition, mentor/mentee pairs chose a time to meet on their own once at month. If your mentor goes to college away from Colorado Springs, these pairs meetings will take place over Zoom. Past activities have included the following:

- Setting goals and planning high school courses
- Career and college exploration
- Holiday ice skating and treats at Acacia Park
- Sharing Final Exam study tips and time management strategies
- Community Service at Care and Share
- Sharing favorite movies, video games and other hobbies
- Zoom Game Night with prizes and small group chats

## How do I learn more/sign up?



For more information, contact Anne Taylor, Mentoring and College Success Coordinator  
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Applications will be accepted through June 30, 2022. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/NPMenteeApp>  
or scan the QRCode above.