

# bestprep eMentors

## 2019 Program Recap



*Empowering students with the knowledge and skills needed for success in school, career, and life*

### Annual Program Impact



**3,714**  
students



**110**  
educators



**76**  
schools



**3,033**  
volunteers

"The eMentors experience was the best thing I have ever done in high school. It really helped motivate me."

-Johnson High School Student

### Program Results

- 99% of teachers reported their students gained a better understanding of the skills needed for a career in the professional world.
- 91% of teachers reported their students broadened their knowledge of career options.
- 91% of teachers reported their students improved their communications skills such as writing, email, and interpersonal skills.

*"Through this experience, I saw my students mature before my eyes. They appear to take course content more serious and engaged in course content at a deeper level."*

-Karen Sherga, Coon Rapids High School Educator



## About eMentors

eMentors is an email mentorship program that pairs students and volunteers from a company in one-to-one mentorships. Halfway through the program, students and mentors met in person for a "meet and greet."

## Curriculum Update

New to 2019 are two curriculum options of eMentors:

**eMentors for AVID** was developed with educators to align with AVID high school classes which are specially designed to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. Weekly writing topics include writing skills, goal-setting, and life experiences.

**eMentors for Financial Literacy** was developed through the generous support of PwC and a committee comprised of BestPrep business volunteers and educators. This program aims to expand students' understanding of how they can make good financial decisions throughout their lifetimes. Weekly writing topics include personal values, spending, budgeting, saving, investing, and using credit.



## Program Highlights

- The new eMentors portal was built. Piloting will continue into the 2019-2020 school year.
- Two new eMentors Guiding Questions and accompanying curriculum were created: eMentors for AVID and eMentors for Financial Literacy.
- The eMentors program experienced significant growth in our partnerships with Schwan's and Target and added new partnerships with Bridgewater Bank, Cummins Power Generation, Land O' Lakes, Polaris, and Uponor.





*“eMentors allowed me to re-energize and connect with the community and with the next generation of employees.”*

-Lisa Lieder, Best Buy Volunteer Mentor

## 2019 Schools Represented

Academy for Sciences & Agriculture,  
Vadnais Heights  
AGAPE, St. Paul  
Andover High School  
Anoka Hennepin STEP  
Anoka High School  
Apple Valley Senior High  
Big Lake High School  
Blaine High School  
Blooming Prairie High School  
Bloomington Kennedy High School  
Brooklyn Center Early College Academy  
Brooklyn Center Secondary  
Buffalo High School  
Burnsville High School  
Central High School, St. Paul  
Champlin Park High School  
Columbia Heights High School  
Community of Peace Academy Secondary,  
St. Paul  
Coon Rapids High School  
Cretin-Derham Hall High School  
Dawson-Boyd Secondary  
Deer River Secondary  
Eagan High School  
East Ridge High School  
Eastview High School, Apple Valley

Eden Prairie Senior High  
Edison High School, Minneapolis  
Elk River High School  
General Colin L. Powell Leadership Academy,  
Minneapolis  
Harding Senior High School  
Henry Sibley High School  
Hopkins High School  
Indus School, Birchdale  
Irondale High School  
Johnson High School, St. Paul  
Kimball High School  
Lakeville South High School  
Lionsgate Academy, Minnetonka  
Minnehaha Academy-Upper School  
Monticello High School  
Mora Public School District  
Mounds View High School  
North Branch High School  
Northfield Senior High  
Osseo Senior High School  
Park High School, Cottage Grove  
Pine River-Backus Secondary School  
Stillwater Area High School  
Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, Plymouth  
Robbinsdale Cooper High School, New Hope  
Rockford Middle School

Rogers High School  
Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis  
Rosemount High School  
Roseville Area High School  
Shakopee Senior High School  
South High School, Minneapolis  
Southwest High School, Minneapolis  
St. Louis Park High School  
St. Michael-Albertville High School  
St. Michael-Albertville School District  
Tartan High School, Oakdale  
Totino-Grace High School, Fridley  
Tracy Area High School  
Ubah Medical Academy, Hopkins  
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley Sec.  
Washburn High School, Minneapolis  
Washington Tech Secondary Magnet, St. Paul  
Wayzata High School  
Wellstone International High School, Minneapolis  
White Bear Lake Area High School North Campus  
White Bear Lake Area High School South Campus  
Woodbury High School  
Worthington High School  
Zimmerman High School  
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Senior High



*"eMentors is one of the best programs I have used in my class - it engages the workplace and the 'real world.' It's my goal to help students transition to the workplace upon leaving high school."*

-Lois Lewis, Indus School Educator



## 2019 Companies Represented

3M  
Accenture  
Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union  
Alerus  
Allianz Life  
Allina Health  
Allstate Insurance Company  
Ameriprise Financial Services  
Apex Systems  
Assurant  
Best Buy  
Birchwood Financial Partners  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota  
BMO Harris Bank  
Boston Scientific  
Bridgewater Bank  
C.H. Robinson Worldwide  
Cargill, Inc.  
Carlson  
Choice Bank

Cummins Power Generation  
Deloitte  
Deluxe Corporation Foundation  
Donaldson Company  
ECMC Group  
Ecolab Foundation  
Emerson  
EY  
Faegre Baker Daniels LLP  
Federated Insurance  
General Mills  
H.B. Fuller  
KPMG  
Land O' Lakes  
Medtronic  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal  
Morgan Stanley  
NetApp  
North Star Resource Group

nVent  
Old National Bank  
Piper Jaffray  
Pohlad Companies  
Polaris Foundation  
PwC  
RBC Wealth Management  
Target Corporation  
TCF Foundation  
The Schwan's Company  
Thrivent Financial  
Toro Company  
Travelers  
UnitedHealth Group  
Uponor  
Varde Partners, Inc  
Veritas  
Voya Financial  
Wealth Enhancement Group  
Xcel Energy

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