

# bestprep eMentors

## 2020 Program Recap



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

### Annual Program Impact



**3,977**  
students



**124**  
educators



**78**  
schools



**3,225**  
volunteers

"I learned to be brave during this experience. My mentor gave me lots of good college advice and I'm appreciative of all I gained."

-Coon Rapids 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.
- 89% of students reported that their knowledge of the career fields offered at their mentor's company increased.
- 94% of students reported that they improved their communication skills such as writing and interpersonal skills.

*"The best part about the experience is that students were able to ask questions specific to their experience and interest levels. They heard relevant information directly from people working in various fields."*

-Theresa Wilson, Northfield High School Educator



## About eMentors

eMentors is an online 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." Due to the pandemic, eMentors spring in-person events were cancelled; however, most students and their mentors continued to send messages while distance learning and working from home.

## 2019-2020 Companies Represented

3M  
Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union  
AgriBank  
Alerus Financial  
Allianz Life  
Allstate Insurance Company  
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.  
Renewal by Andersen  
Apex Systems  
Arby's Restaurant Group, Inc.  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota  
Best Buy  
Birchwood Financial Partners  
BMO Harris Bank  
Boston Scientific  
Bridgewater Bank  
Cargill, Inc.

Choice Bank  
C.H. Robinson Worldwide  
Cummins  
Deloitte & Touche LLP  
Deluxe Corporation  
Donaldson Company  
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ECMC Group  
Ecolab  
Emerson  
EY  
Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath  
Federated Insurance  
Fidelity Investments  
General Mills  
Great Clips, Inc.

H.B. Fuller  
KPMG  
Land O' Lakes  
Medtronic  
Microsoft  
Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal  
Morgan Stanley  
NetApp  
North Star Resource Group  
nVent  
Old National Bank  
Piper Sandler & Co.  
Pohlad Companies  
Polaris Inc.  
PwC  
Radisson Hotel Group  
RBC Wealth Management

The Schwan's Company  
Target Corporation  
TCF Bank  
Thrivent  
The Toro Company  
Travelers  
U.S. Bank  
UnitedHealth Group  
University of Minnesota - College of Science and Engineering  
Veritas  
Voya Financial  
Wealth Enhancement Group  
Wenger Corporation  
Winnebago Industries, Inc.  
Xcel Energy



**64**  
**companies**  
**participated**

## Program Highlights

- BestPrep developed and implemented a dedicated portal for eMentors with the generous support of PwC.
- eMentors held its first ever eMentors Symposium for Coordinators hosted by Wells Fargo.
- BestPrep created and piloted the new eMentors for STEM curriculum.





*"I gained appreciation for my mentee's situation, goals, and struggles. It feels good to act as a resource that is outside their traditional circle and to offer a fresh perspective."*

-ECMC Volunteer Mentor

## 2019-2020 Schools Represented

Academy of Whole Learning,  
Minnetonka  
Ada-Borup Secondary, Ada  
AGAPE, St. Paul  
Andover High School  
Anoka Hennepin STEP  
Anoka High School  
Becker High School  
Blaine High School  
Blooming Prairie High School  
Bloomington Kennedy High School  
Brooklyn Center Academy  
Brooklyn Center Secondary  
Buffalo High School  
Burnsville High School  
Byron Senior High School  
Central High School, St. Paul  
Champlin Park High School  
Chaska High School  
Columbia Heights High School  
Community of Peace Academy,  
St. Paul  
Coon Rapids High School  
Creative Arts Secondary School,  
St. Paul  
Dassel-Cokato Senior High, Cokato

Eagan High School  
East Ridge High School, Woodbury  
Eastview High School,  
Apple Valley  
Eden Prairie Senior High  
Edison High School, Minneapolis  
Elk River High School  
Henry Sibley High School,  
West St. Paul  
Heritage Academy of Science &  
Technology, Minneapolis  
Hopkins High School, Minnetonka  
Iroindale High School,  
New Brighton  
Johnson High School, St. Paul  
Kimball High School  
Lakeville South High School  
Mankato West High School  
Minnehaha Academy-Upper School,  
Minneapolis  
Monticello High School  
Mound Westonka High School,  
Minnetrista  
Mounds View High School,  
Arden Hills  
MTS Secondary, Minneapolis

Murray County Central High  
School, Slayton  
North Branch High School  
Northfield Senior High  
Osseo Senior High School  
Owatonna Senior High School  
Park High School, Cottage Grove  
Pine River-Backus Secondary  
Robbinsdale Armstrong High  
School, Plymouth  
Robbinsdale Cooper High School,  
New Hope  
Rogers High School  
Roosevelt High School,  
Minneapolis  
Rosemount High School  
Roseville Area High School  
Simley Senior High,  
Inver Grove Heights  
South High School, Minneapolis  
Southwest Christian High School,  
Chaska  
Southwest High School,  
Minneapolis  
St. Louis Park High School

St. Michael-Albertville High School  
St. Paul Public School District  
Stillwater Area High School  
Tartan High School, Oakdale  
Totino-Grace High School, Fridley  
Tracy Area High School  
TriDistrict Community Education,  
Inver Grove Heights, South St.  
Paul, Mendota Heights  
Ubah Medical Academy, Hopkins  
United South Central High School,  
Wells  
Walker-Hackensack-Akeley  
Secondary  
Washington Tech Secondary  
Magnet, St. Paul  
Wellstone International High  
School, Minneapolis  
White Bear Lake Area High School  
South Campus  
Woodbury High School  
Worthington High School  
Zimmerman High School  
Zumbrota-Mazeppa Senior High

