



TITLE: Volunteer Capstone Mentor

REPORTS TO: Opportunity Academy Postsecondary Specialist

EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Volunteer

BACKGROUND: Our Piece of the Pie® (OPP®) is a nonprofit dedicated to helping 14 to 24 year-old urban youth become economically independent adults. OPP's unique model is centered around the personal and consistent relationship developed between each youth and a caring, committed adult staff member which helps youth overcome barriers, access support services within the best practices of Youth Development, Academics, and Job Readiness, and to achieve the goals of high school graduation, a postsecondary credential and meaningful employment. Founded in 1975, OPP provided community- and high school-based programs to 1,700+ young people in Connecticut last year. For more information, visit www.OPP.org.

OPPportunity Academy re-engages over-age, under-credited students using innovative academic and personal supports to help master critical skills necessary for success in college, career, and community.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

The volunteer would mentor students working on their Capstone project and presentation, which is based off of research they conduct on a particular subject matter that interests them.

Volunteers will provide support and general mentorship for student during their senior year.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

- Meet with youth 5 times over trimester, including orientation and final project
- Work with student to create a time table for when and how the capstone project and presentation will be done
- Expected to be able and ready to be used as a resource for the completion of the capstone, and be flexible with student needs
- Attend orientation training, to meet students and pair mentors
- Act as role model in interactions with community members, youth and staff in accordance with OPP values
- Follow personal policies of OPP

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must pass a National Criminal History Record Information Check under the National Child Protection Act
- Available to commit to 2-3 hours per week over 10 weeks to work with student

