PATHWAYS in TECHNOLOGY
EARLY HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE
at PCTA
PROVIDENCE CAREER & TECHNICAL ACADEMY

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**Mission:**
Enable students to master the skills they need to graduate with a **no-cost** Associate Degree in Computer Studies that will enable them to secure an entry-level position in a growing STEM industry, or continue onto a four-year university.
Providence P-TECH

- School within a school format - CTE
- Cohort 1- Graduated in June 2020
- Industry Partner- 20 TC Members
- College: CCRI partnership
- 153 Students – < 10% attrition
- Student profile:
  - 60% female
  - 97% minority
  - 87% free/reduced lunch
  - 100% in-district

P-TECH College Mentors
WorkPlace Learning Goals

- **Purpose:**
  - Support work-based learning class and provide meaningful feedback on coursework
  - Provide guidance, strategies and tools for navigating high school & college, time management, project management, problem solving, collaboration, and communications.

### Years 1 & 2
- **Career Awareness**
  - Guest speakers
  - Field trips
  - Career fairs
  - Mentorship

### Years 3 & 4
- **Career Preparation**
  - Project-based learning
  - Job shadow
  - Service Learning
  - Internship
  - Mentorship

### Years 5 & 6
- **Career Application**
  - Paid internship
  - Capstone project
  - Mentorship

P-TECH College Mentors
Mentorship Logistics and Expectations

- The next Mentor-Mentee program runs from November 2, 2020 to June 30, 2021
- Each mentor will have a single mentee
- Mentors are expected to connect with their mentees up to three times per month (all virtual during COVID). **Flexible schedule, no travel necessary!**
- We would love to have you for 4 years, but we are now asking for you to commit to serve for 1 year
- Mentors will have to pass a RI Background Check to work with students
- **Anybody can mentor! You can be a mentor even though you need a mentor yourself!**
Mentor Support and Benefits

- Mentors will be trained to support students in:
  - Structured activities focused on success in the workplace (e.g. communication skills, goal setting, collaboration, etc.)
  - 99% of what we do with mentees is about communication and professional skills in a business environment
  - Helping mentees with their seniors presentations

- Mentors will also benefit from the following:
  - Becoming part of the Tech Collective community and having opportunities to network with RI technology business leaders
  - Mentoring another person provides an opportunity for **you** to reflect on your own career next steps
For the first time, we are recruiting current college students to mentor PTECH high school students. We are very excited about the unique perspective that college student mentors will bring to this program!

College students are well positioned to advise high school students on:

- College preparation/application, transition from high school to college, pros/cons of various programs, college finances
- Professionalism in a college environment and making the most of college programs and opportunities
- As college students navigate their own internship and job search journeys, they will provide an example for high school mentees
Learn More & Take Action

- Visit our website to complete the quick form and connect with us:
  - [https://tech-collective.org/ptech-mentor/](https://tech-collective.org/ptech-mentor/)
- Can't wait to serve our students with you!

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