



Alki Road Mentoring

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Our First Quarter

How Have We Been Making Connections?

In our first quarter, Alki Road Mentoring made over 200 connections across our community. In support of our mission and making these connections through mentorship and companionship services, we have received over \$20,000 in generous donations and services.

Pathways of Mentorship

Schools

- We have connected with 3 school systems, impacting 120 students
- We made our baseline focus grades, behavior and attendance

Churches & Community

- We used Mentoring Leadership programs to teach and guide over 100 community members on how to be mentors
- We presented Parenting & Communication seminars
- We developed partnerships with 3 local churches to reach and impact kids in the congregation

Recreation

- We connected with a number of recreational organizations who helped us host 3 outdoor companionship events

Success Lunches

Once a month at Fort Vancouver High School, a group of students meet with community members for "success lunches." Back-to-back, there is a separate lunch for girls and boys to connect with people of impact and learn about different ways to be successful.

Each meeting begins with the "Pledge of Success," followed by breakout discussions. December's success lunch was on the topic of goal-setting.

There has been some great stories to come from students who have been impacted by these lunches and the lessons they have learned from them.



Students attending
Success Lunches



Pathways of Mentorship

Schools

Students will attend "success lunches" with outside mentors to learn real-life skills for social, educational and professional success.

Job Mentorship

Students get on-the-job training in the area of vocational and technical trade.

Churches / Community Groups

The ARM team will conduct seminars and trainings with parents and families on how to open up communication and understanding to promote a healthy family.

Recreation

Using outside recreation agencies and businesses, ARM will provide unique experiences to connect struggling young adults with impactful people.

Sports / Athletes

Using sports and athletics to connect people and experiences to the world of competition, ARM will provide mentors in the area of athletes and athletic contests.

Veteran Activities

Honoring people who have served our country with once-in-a-lifetime experiences and the joy that comes with that partnership.

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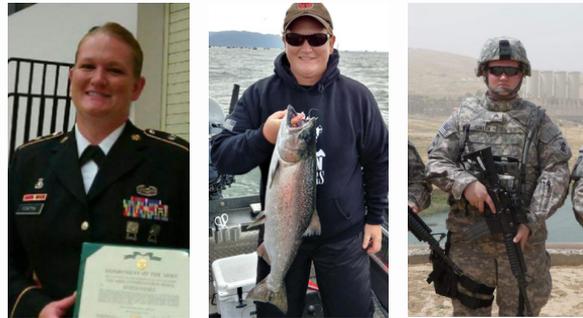
One story in particular this year has been especially impactful. After the first meeting of the year, one male student returned for the next meeting with a new look. The student who once let his hair grow down past the middle of his back decided to cut it all off.

"Normally, while I had the long hair I had do-rags on my head, I just didn't really have my hair out at all," he explains, "but you know, I wanted to dress appropriately."

After meeting with ARM mentors, this student made the conscious decision to put effort towards being successful, returning to the next meeting with not only a new hair cut, but in a dress shirt and tie as well.

As the students left the meeting in December, a number of them expressed that they were looking forward to returning for the meeting in January, many of them with goals to be on time to class starting the new semester and to work on raising a few of their grades at the start of the new year.

Meet Sarah Fontyn! Director of Our Veterans Pathway



"I am currently a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve. I enlisted in the Army as a Civil Affairs Specialist in 1998 and deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2003-2004 and Mosul, Iraq in 2009-2010. I also spent time in Korea, Japan and Thailand on various training exercises. My awards include a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation medal with two oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement medal with three oak leaf clusters and Combat Action Badge. After returning from my first deployment, I had a hard time adjusting to civilian life. I was fortunate to have friends that took me hiking, fishing, skiing and various other outdoor activities. I quickly learned how beneficial being outdoors was for my mental health, and also for other veterans. I hope to give back to other veterans by helping them get outdoors also."

"We are so excited that this is off and running. At this time of year we count our blessings, for the donations of many and the opportunity to serve and connect with others. We are looking forward to the new year and the new opportunities it will bring to further connect and provide impactful people into the lives of others."

**- John Griffin
Founder/Director**



Director John Griffin on a companionship event