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## Site Info:

**West Preparatory Academy**
2050 Sapphire Stone Ave, Las Vegas, NV 8019

**The Roger’s Foundation/Core Academy Office**
701 S 9th St, Las Vegas, NV 89101

## Social Issues

- The empowerment and development of our community’s under-resourced youth.
- Giving children a chance to have one person who is always rooting for them and having a positive reinforcement in their life.

## My Experience

- Attend and chaperone Core Academy events and meet, visit, and mentor my assigned mentee at least a few times each month to set goals and see progress.

## Expectation vs. Reality

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<th>Expectation</th>
<th>Reality</th>
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<td>Rowdy and disrespectful kids</td>
<td>Kind-hearted and inspiring youth</td>
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<td>Awkward meetings/forced interaction</td>
<td>Comfortable and easy going “hang-outs”</td>
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<td>Little to no profound outcome/“mindless” credit retrieval</td>
<td>Volunteering/mentoring I will continue for the foreseeable future.</td>
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## Big take-away’s

- Mentoring is a vital tool in youth development and empowering success; Nevada’s graduation Rate is 71.3%, one of the lowest in the country.
- A 2016 study from The Mentoring Project, shows that children with a mentor are 75% more likely to graduate HS and mentor.

## Service to Community

- Core Academy Harvest Festival.
- Meet and greet with Mentee; Mentee and Parents; Mentee and Mentoring Program Coordinator
- Chow program with Chef Natalie Young

## Reflectio n

### Changes in myself

I think one of the first things I noticed was how common my Mentee and I were. Even though almost 5 years separated us, we liked a lot of the same things and could relate to one another. This was personal awakening to me to become more inquisitive of others, no matter age and also a reflection of my own High School years and how to help my mentee make better or similar choices. It was like having the little sister I never had.

### Changes at the Site

After 3 months of being a part of Core Academy, I feel like I have contributed to the close knit family that Core Academy is. They graciously invited me into the mentoring program with ease and support. Core Academy upheld their reputation as a hero of the community of youth in Southern Nevada.

### Changes in the Social Issue

Within this program, I was able to give one more student the opportunity to have a mentor. The program consists of more than 150 students, of which...