



Bend Senior High School

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One-of-A-Kind Mentoring Program Kicks Off in February

Dear Junior Parent:

The Future Center's sole mission is to **help ensure that every BSH grad has a post-high school plan.** We work hand-in-hand with the BSH Counseling Team and the BSH CTE Coordinator to provide info and access to: **school-to-career programs, college and career readiness resources and knowledgeable adults** that can help them navigate their post-high school options.

All area high schools have a college & career center that is staffed with parent/community volunteers. At the BSH Future Center, however, **we take a unique approach by matching each junior with a volunteer mentor who will follow them through to graduation.** We have 40-45 mentors, so depending on class size, each mentor takes on 10 or so students to help them navigate their options and get them in touch with resources and guidance that is timely and relevant.

Mentors will begin seeing juniors the week of February 10th.

Our Future Center Mentors have received more than 25 hours of training to help them 1) understand Bend High students and Lava Bear culture, 2) have working knowledge of resources available to help students explore employment, career and/or college paths and 3) be neutral listeners and advocates for students. **FC Mentors can help with goal setting, guidance, motivation, support and share information about their own paths and careers.**

To get assigned a mentor, **junior students need to take the Class of 2021 "Step Into Your Future!" Survey.** The QR code that links to the survey can be found in the counseling office, main office and on FC event boards around the school. Students must first be in their school Google account to have access. They can also get to the survey by clicking [here](#).

We are excited to begin our 14th year of one-on-one mentoring! If your student is also raring to get going, please let them know they can sign up and be fast-tracked (seen by their Mentor before end-February!).

If you have any questions about our mentoring program or about what resources the Future Center has available, please feel free to reach out to me directly.

All the best,

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