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Epic, Moab's Mentor Newsletter

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Kickoff to Greatness

Inviting All Mentors, Past and Present!

Let's kick off the school year and celebrate our important work together!

**Saturday, September 20th, 2025
10 – 11 AM**

You are invited to the beautiful home of Linda Bynum, past mentor and generous supporter of Grand Area Mentoring!



716 Peartree Lane, Moab

Reconnect with fellow mentors, share stories, be inspired, and enjoy light refreshments.

RSVP to Kris Marsh by text/phone or email:
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marshk@grandschools.org

Please! Help Us Recruit Mentors!

Many Moab youth are waiting for mentors. You can help!



Invitation by mentors is by far the most effective recruiting tool. Please tell your friends!



Melody & Karen




Kelvin & Abigail



This Month in Mentoring

- **September 1: Labor Day.** No school.
- **September 2, 5pm, via Zoom: Community-Based Mentoring Training** for new 6th and 7th grade-serving mentors.

- **September 20, 10-11AM: Mentor Celebration!** Join us for a special mentor party and refreshments at beautiful 716 Peartree Lane. See left.

- **September 20, 3-7PM: Harvest Festival** at YGP.
- **September 27, 8:30am-4pm: Rafting the Moab Daily with OARS.** See  reverse for more.
- **September 27, 12-7pm: Street Fest!** (100 North between 100 East and 200 East) A day of live music, free arts activities for kids and adults, Moab Theater Project preview, community sculptures and interactive art, an art market, a time capsule, plus great food and beverages! Grand Area Mentoring will have a booth, so come say hi!
- **September 30, 5:15-7pm, @ Middle School: New Mentor Orientation!** Tell your colleagues, and family members. It's the perfect time to join! (Pizza dinner provided!) RSVP: (435) 260-9646

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**2025/2026 Mentor
Recruitment Ticker**

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New Mentors

**2025/2026 Mentoring
Heroes Ticker**

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Meet Your Staff

Megan McGee is the mentor coordinator. She schedules meetings, troubleshoots match challenges, and supports relationships. Megan has lots of direct contact with mentees, mentors, teachers, and families. Her office is at HMK, but she works across Moab making sure each match is healthy and has the resources they need.

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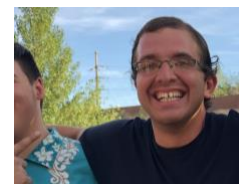
Teresa Munisteri was hired thanks to a TANF grant awarded by the Utah Department of Workforce Services. She coordinates with businesses and agencies to offer new outings/resources for community-based mentors and mentees. She can also help facilitate small, informal outings for community-based pairs. Idea for an outing? Email her!

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Christopher Cleveland is Grand Area Mentoring's professional mentor. Chris mentors a select cohort of up to five youth.

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Kris Marsh brings a wealth of fundraising skills, serving in the role of development officer. She creates relationships with stakeholders and helps solicit donors. She mentors a 4th grader!

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Daniel McNeil, program director, is responsible for training, grant writing, evaluation, marketing and recruitment, volunteer screening, continuous improvement, & communications.

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Mentoring Idea: Rafting on the Colorado!

Join OARS for some classic Moab fun along the Colorado River!

Lunch provided. Meet time 8:30am at OARS (2802 S Hwy 191).

Contact Teresa for details and to sign up! RSVPs required. Permission forms needed in advance. munisterit@grandschools.org



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2024/2025 Outcomes

A snapshot shows Grand Area Mentoring mentees continue to outperform federal standards!

- **80% got in less trouble at school** vs. objective of 40%
- **61% earned higher grades** vs. objective of 35%
- **50% skipped less school** vs. objective of 35%
- **100% of teachers agree** that mentored youth demonstrate better social skills.

Please see the forthcoming annual report for complete details!

Christopher & Bryant

