



MENTOR'S DESK

Mentoring Inspiration

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Four years ago I wrote an article that contained some inspirational quotes about mentoring, and the powerful impact a mentor can have on a person. It struck me that in the middle of a school year, we may all need some inspiration to reflect on.

Thus, I will re-run the quotes, with several new additions. I've gathered these quotes from various walks of life. Some of these you may have seen on a daily calendar or even on a napkin at a coffee shop. But it is my hope that one or two of these may resonate with you and school year, and you will be inspired to **seek out a mentor or become a mentor.**

A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.

Oprah Winfrey

The delicate balance of mentoring someone is not creating them in your own image, but giving them the opportunity to create themselves.

Steven Spielberg

Tell me and I forget; teach me and I may remember; involve me and I learn.

Benjamin Franklin

Mentoring brings us together—across generation, class and often race—in a manner that forces us to acknowledge our interdependence, to appreciate, in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s, words that, “We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a

single garment of destiny.” In this way, mentoring enables us to participate in the essential but unfinished drama of reinventing community, while reaffirming that there is an important role for each of us in it.

Marc Freedman

I've learned that the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

Andy Rooney

Everyone has a transferable commodity—knowledge. Sharing your unique expertise and making introductions for someone creates a lasting legacy.

Marsha Blackburn

In every art, beginners must start with models of those who have practiced the same art before them. And it is not only a matter of looking at the drawings, paintings, musical compositions and poems that have been and are being created; it is a matter of being drawn into the individual work of art, of realizing that it has been made by a real human being, and trying to discover the secret of its creation.

Ruth Whitman

Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction.

John Crosby

Example is not the main thing in influencing others; it is the only thing.

Albert Schweitzer

A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.

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Mentors have a way of seeing more of our faults than we would like. It's the only way we grow.

George Lucas

MENTOR signifies:

M = Motivator

E = Empowers

N = Nurture

T = Teacher

O = Originator

R = Role Model

Lailah Gifty Akita

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