CUCE NYC 4H JUNTOS MENTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: 4-H Juntos Mentor Intern
Compensation: Volunteer, field placement &/or credit bearing
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PROGRAM GOALS: Cornell Cooperative Extension-NYC (CUCE NYC) is seeking intern/volunteer mentors to support the 4-H Juntos Program at MS 390 in the Bronx. Working as a team, the mentors will provide guidance and leadership for a group of 60 students, with a ratio of 5-10 students per mentor over a period of 2 hours per session. Mentors will facilitate weekly 4-H workshops and provide leadership for community outreach projects and special activities involving parent engagement, field trips and career exploration that reinforce STEM education, college preparation and leadership to improve the overall outcome of their mentees.

The Mentor’s Responsibility to Mentee

- A commitment of at least one year in a relationship with their 4-H Juntos Group.
- Spend a minimum of 40 hours per year engaged in programmatic activities with middle school youth, including biweekly youth meetings and special activities (e.g. career exploration events, public presentations events, field trips, and parent meetings)
- Lead group in completing the requirements of the 4-H Juntos program including:
  - 2 cumulative 4-H projects i.e. science, leadership etc. (Mentors will teach workshops)
  - At least 1 community service project
  - A final presentation during parent night event
- Be respectful of the mentee(s) time, opinions, and decision-making.
- Serve as a positive role model by modeling desirable behaviors & skills—e.g. patience, tolerance, communication skills, and reflective listening.
- Be comfortable and able to establish appropriate boundaries with the mentee(s).
- Be encouraging and supportive of the mentee(s).

Responsibility to the CUCE NYC:

- Successfully complete an interview with a 4-H Staff Member.
- Check-in with the 4-H program staff every month, after placement at site.
- Attend on-going mentoring & 4-H trainings to supplement work at respective sites.
- Complete evaluation surveys to access program outcome.
- Be patient and understand the mentoring relationship is a process that takes work and time.

Qualifications

- College student, Bilingual - Spanish
- Experience working with youth audiences
- Commitment of 1 year to program (40 hours)
- Willing to travel to the Bronx

Application Process

- Complete 4-H intern application
- Provide 2 forms of reference.
- Pass a criminal background check.
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Mission:

The Mission of the 4-H Juntos Program is help students achieve high school graduation and access higher education.

What is Juntos:

Juntos (pronounced “Who-n-toes”) means “Together” in Spanish and works to unite community partners to provide youth (in particular Latino youth) grades 8-12th and their parents with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent youth from dropping out and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college. Research shows that Latino youth are at greatest risk for dropping out of school between the 9th and 10th grades. The 4-H Juntos Program reduces this risk by bringing together cohorts of 8th grade youth to support each other for 3-5 years as they enter high school and prepare together for higher education. The multifaceted partnerships between New York Life, Cooperative Extension, 4-H, schools, colleges, volunteers and community partners are what make the Juntos Program a sustainable success in many communities across the US.

Our Objectives:

- to increase youth’s abilities to succeed in high school, to discover the benefits of higher education, and to become aware of how to attain a college education
- to expand family-school-college partnerships and capacity in North Carolina to help Latino youth graduate from high school and eventually college
- to help Latino families and community members to come together as a support group to help each other realize their desires to get a higher education
Our Five Components:

The Juntos Program is an intensive long-term program made up of five components:

First, youth meet biweekly (or once a week) during school hours with a one-on-one Success Coach who helps them remediate academic deficiencies, learn study habits, and work towards their academic and personal goals.

Second, youth and families come together for the Juntos Family Workshop Series and then continue to meet monthly to make college a realistic family goal. Program sponsors New York Life will provide financial management training to parents.

Third, youth participate in afterschool 4-H Club meetings held twice a month focusing on academic success, public speaking, life skills, healthy living, citizenship and science.

Fourth, Juntos youth grades 8-11 take part in field trips to colleges and other Juntos events like 4-H Career Exploration. The 4-H Career Exploration program provides opportunities for youth to explore academic fields and careers, develop leadership skills via hands-on experience in a college setting, Cornell University. New York City 4-Hers meet youth from all over New York State.

Fifth, tenth and eleventh grade youth engage in a synchronous video Online College Preparation Course taught by university professors to help them develop writing and critical thinking skills, knowledge about careers and specific colleges, and prepare for entrance exams, college applications, scholarships, and financial aid.

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In partnership with 110 universities, including Cornell University, 4-H life changing programs are research-backed & available through 4-H clubs, camps, afterschool & school enrichment programs in every county & parish in the U.S. 4-H is the youth development program of our nation's Cooperative Extension System & USDA.

For more information about Juntos or other 4-H Youth Development Programs contact

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