

Mentor Testimonials

This is now the second year I have had the privilege to serve in the CEO Mentoring program. I have been honored to be a part of the program and hope to continue with the in the future. I believe the “hands-on: exposure to the actual workplace is great for both the student and the Mentors. As a business, we benefit by making sure that our future leaders are well prepared for the real world. However, we also benefit by listening to the great intelligence and insight the students bring to us. They are a treasure chest full of opinions and intellectual capital that I can take to make our organization better. This relationship is absolutely mutually beneficial and very rewarding.

Troy Garland, Chandler Regional Hospital

Mentoring a student has been a wonderful experience. My confidence in the next generation of business leaders is reinforced because of my getting to know the student I mentored.

Carolyn Cameron, First Credit Union

Young people should understand how business happens, how capitalism is a driving force in our society, and how they would like to fit in during their lifetime. This program is a great first step in that education.

Steve Irons, ImageTag, Inc.

This program not only offers a great way to give something back to the community, but also keeps you in touch with some of the exciting and impressive young people in Chandler.

Paul Maryniak, The Arizona Republic

The program is a wonderful awareness creator. The student gains awareness of the business they visit every time the mentor introduces the student; awareness about the school/college the student attends is created; conversations about the Chamber’s program are sparked; and the hosting business is reminded of how to look at what they do through fresh eyes.

Chris Stage, Neighbors Who Care

This is the second year we have participated in the mentoring program. Both of the individuals who have interned with us have made significant contributions to the programs they participated in. Their youthful enthusiasm was like a breath of fresh air.

Dr. Steven J. Valenty, Analyze, Inc.

The CEO program is an outstanding opportunity for the youth of today to find out how to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Scott Earle, Superstition Springs Lexus

I think the mentoring program is a wonderful, real life forum providing young entrepreneurs the real life opportunity to experience business in the community. There is no better teacher than experience and the CEO program provided that in a very nurturing and positive way for young people. Certainly, the benefits flow in both directions, because, just as experience is a great teacher, also, through teaching, as a mentor, we learn.

Dr. John Schellenberg, Inrlux Health Systems LTD

Having completed my first experience as a mentor in this innovative program, I whole-heartedly endorse the Chandler Chamber of Commerce’s Creating Educational opportunities program!

Bob Evans, United Food Bank

The opportunity for a focused, dedicated student to get a real life experience and exposure within a chosen field, is something that, when taken advantage of, can be invaluable to the student.

George Herman, Distributed Systems Solutions, Inc.