

Dear Staff/ Parents/ Community Members,

In an effort to improve College and Career Readiness outcomes at Howard High School, we will be promoting a new “**Howard’s Heroes**” initiative for the 2019-2020 school year. This initiative contains 2 components- Magnificent Mentors and Superb Speakers. Through this program, we hope to empower students to make positive life choices for their future and ensure they have the content knowledge, skills, habits and dispositions throughout multiple areas to maximize their potential and be successful in their future endeavors.

“Superb Speakers”

We are looking for individuals that work in one of the 16 career clusters to come in and talk to a small group of students about their job for 30 minutes. This would help students learn more about the variety of career pathways, specific job requirements, schooling, salary, outlook, etc. of that particular job. Our goal is to have 2 speakers a month to cover each career cluster.

“Magnificent Mentors”

We are looking for individuals who are interested in serving as a positive role model/advisor for individual students (12th Grade) for this upcoming school year. The Magnificent Mentors will be required to attend bi-monthly meetings on Thursdays from 5-7pm, communicate with the student on a regular basis and commit to the one-year timeline. The first meeting will be on September 12th. The Magnificent Mentors would play an essential role in helping the student set/support/accomplish goals, building self-esteem and motivation, learning and practicing appropriate behaviors in professional relationships, and exposing them to the World of Work.

To determine which cluster your career falls under, please use the following links for more info:

- [Agriculture/ Food/ Natural Resources](#)
- [Architecture & Construction](#)
- [Arts/ A-V/ Technology/Communication](#)
- [Business Management & Administration](#)
- [Education & Training](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Government & Public Administration](#)
- [Health Sciences](#)
- [Hospitality and Tourism](#)
- [Human Services](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Law/Public Safety/Corrections/ Security](#)
- [Manufacturing](#)
- [Marketing](#)
- [Science/Engineering/Tech/Mathematics](#)
- [Transportation/ Distribution/ Logistics](#)

If you are interested in supporting us, as a Mentor or Speaker, with this meaningful initiative to help our students develop better college and career awareness as they prepare for their futures, *please complete the form(s) linked below by Friday August 2nd:*

[Superb Speakers](#)

[Magnificent Mentors](#)

Thank you for considering this opportunity and we encourage you to reach out and share this letter to other members of the community that might be interested. We will be in touch with next steps.

Respectfully,
Jillian Hoffman,
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