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## **SAVE THE DATE! 2016 MENTORING CAUCUS**

### **What's a Caucus?**

A caucus is a group of people who gather to work together for a shared goal or to discuss a particular issue.

This year the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota (MPM) is shaking up our traditional mentoring conference. As 2016 is an election year, MPM calls upon you, our valued stakeholders, to join us for the **2016 Mentoring Caucus**. Convene with like-minded professionals to learn, debate, and discuss **new and emerging trends and best practices** in the mentoring and youth development fields. Whether you're new to the field or a seasoned practitioner, this one-day conference will offer you and your staff a **valuable professional development opportunity** featuring **interactive polling**, an array of **thought-provoking, hands-on workshops**, and **networking** with your peers.

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## BAGELS & BEST PRACTICES: COLLEGE STUDENTS AS MENTORS

Date: Fri., May 20th  
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Location: [Health Counseling Services](#)  
Cost: Free



Please join us for the next **Bagels and Best Practices** event on the topic of **Recruiting & Utilizing College Students as Mentors**. MPM partner programs [A.C.E.S \(Athletes Committed to Educating Students\)](#) and [University YMCA](#) will address how they are successfully utilizing their connections to college campuses to recruit and engage students as mentors. Presentations will include details on how they developed relationships with college campuses, their programs' overall recruitment strategy and practices, how to **leverage college students' strengths**, how success is measured, and tips for organizations who would like to **build or enhance their connections with students**. We will allow time after the presentations for Q and A, a group discussion and networking.

[RSVP TO ATTEND](#)

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## WEBINAR: MENTORING IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

Date: Thurs., May 19th  
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. CST  
Location: Online  
Cost: Free



**Rural mentoring programs** often face unique challenges that compound the everyday obstacles of facilitating an effective mentoring program. How can practitioners **recruit and retain mentors** when mentees live over an hour away? How can programs **engage matches** in activities when there aren't easily accessible community events?

## FROM THE BLOG: MENTORING IN THE NEWS

### ["Kids are great and we should invest in them."](#)

Read all about **MPM Expert Partner [Mentor Duluth](#)**'s innovative recruitment plan they implement each March to recruit 31 new mentors in 31 days!



Have an idea you'd like us to feature, [send us an email](#) or leave us a comment! More content coming soon!

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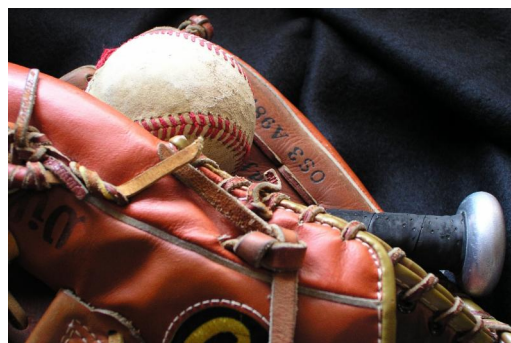
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## FREE BASEBALL TICKETS

MPM is happy to announce it has procured baseball tickets through the Commissioner's Initiative Ticket program. This is a great opportunity to take a match out to a ball game!

### [Tickets are available for following games:](#)

Wed., June 8th - Marlins at 7:10 p.m.  
Wed., June 22nd - Athletics at 7:10 p.m.  
Tues., July 5th - Athletics at 7:10 p.m.  
Wed., July 6th - Athletics at 12:10 p.m.  
Fri., Aug. 11th - Royals at 12:10 p.m.  
Thurs., Aug. 25th - Tigers at 12:10 p.m.  
Thurs., Sept. 1st - White Sox at 7:10 p.m.  
Sat., Sept. 3rd - White Sox at 6:10 p.m.  
Sun., Sept. 4th - White Sox at 1:10 p.m.



**DEADLINE:** To reserve tickets for your matches [PLEASE EMAIL US](#) by **Fri., May 20th**. *Please only ask for what you will use. MPM is responsible for a 90% attendance rate of all tickets requested.* Please help us abide by the guidelines to ensure a longstanding relationship for future partnerships!

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## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

**The Deluxe Corporation Foundation** is accepting proposals supporting Minnesota-based youth programs. Eligible organizations must be within a Deluxe service area. **Deadline: June 1st, 2016.** [LEARN MORE](#)

**The Bush Foundation** has opened its second **event sponsorship** grant round. The Foundation is interested in funding events in Minnesota that:

- Give individuals the skills to create change in their communities
- Connect cross-sector and cross-cultural professionals and individuals.
- Serve an audience that are eligible for Bush grants and fellowships.
- Take place after September 1st.

Special consideration will be given to events that build the philanthropic community of the region. **Maximum Grant: \$50,000. Deadline: June 9th, 2016.** [LEARN MORE](#)

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**MPM thanks the 3M Foundation for its long-time commitment to mentoring & for its recent contribution.**

