



## Two Week Countdown! Walk & Talk: A Mega Mentoring Event

We're less than two weeks away from Walk & Talk: A Mega Mentoring Event at the Bulldog Activity Center in downtown Canton. We are still [recruiting companies](#) to provide mentors from a variety of industries and [reaching out to youth organizations](#) to bring their young people to this career-focused "flash mentoring" event on April 19 from 1-4 pm. If we've already talked to you, you will be hearing from us this week to begin solidifying mentor and youth participant names. We are excited about this inaugural event and grateful to the companies and programs who have already submitted. Special shout out to [CSE Federal Credit Union](#) and [Ohio Gratings, Inc.](#), for being Platinum sponsors!

## Giving a Hug to Jackson Bear Hugs

MentorStark sends out a big thank you to Katherine White and her team at [Jackson Bear Hugs](#) for their partnership in providing a shopping experience for professional clothing for Leadership students at [EN-RICH-MENT of Stark County](#). Students were able to pick out two outfits and accessories to wear for business casual or career exploration events. Katherine and her team acted as stylists and helped students find clothing that fit their professional goals and personality. MentorStark has facilitated Leadership programming at EN-RICH-MENT for the past six years. We love working with these talented young people who are members of the organization's drum, dance and flag lines.





## Building a Mentoring Mindset Across Our Community

Fourteen young professionals from The Timken Company recently attended a lunch and learn with MentorStark Executive Director Laurie Moline for the training “Building Resiliency: A How-To Guide for Safe Adults”. MentorStark is partnering with many of these Timken associates to participate in a mentoring and volunteering session with engineering students on April 14 at the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. This presentation helped prepare them for this event.

Funded by the Ohio Department of Health through a grant to the Stark County Health Department, this free training is designed to bring awareness about trauma and provide practical strategies for anyone who works with youth or adolescents to play the role as a safe adult. With the state of Ohio encouraging more companies to provide workplace-based learning (WBL) opportunities for high school students, we encourage WBL-offering companies to consider this training as part of their ongoing human resources practices. [Register here](#) for the upcoming virtual training on April 12 from 6-8pm or contact [info@mentorstark.org](mailto:info@mentorstark.org) if you would like to bring this training into your organization.



## Inside Looks with our School District Partners

March was filled with hands-on learning and real-world experiences for students across programs! We had an incredible time taking students from the MentorStark Opportunity Club at Jackson High School on a visit to [Employers Health](#). This experience gave students a valuable inside look at a wide range of career paths—from Client Relations and Marketing to Culinary and beyond. In addition, we had the opportunity to visit the [Historic Onesto Event Center](#) with the Canton City School District CTE Photography Juniors and Seniors! Students spent time honing their skills in real estate photography and portrait work while exploring the stunning architecture of this historic space. As a special treat, our Performing Arts Dance students joined us, allowing the photographers to capture beautiful individual and group artistic shots.

A huge thank you to Employers Health & Onesto Event Center for welcoming us and allowing our students to experience diverse career opportunities. Discussing the benefits and history of your organizations made this an incredibly impactful and inspiring experience for our students.

If your school district is interested in partnering with MentorStark to bring the Opportunity Club to your district, visit our [website](#) and select **Open to partnership opportunities!**



## A Note From Our Executive Director: Leveraging Our Social Capital to Help Others

I had to smile when I pulled up Facebook and saw that [The First Tee of Canton](#) was hosting Tony Ly, owner of [Basil Asian Bistro](#) and [Lucca Downtown](#), for one of their “Kids In The Kitchen” sessions on April 25. Cassie Ausperk, our organizational advancement coordinator, is married to Tony and had been at a meeting at The First Tee to discuss strategic plans and opportunities. This session was an immediate result! Cassie demonstrated firsthand one of the concepts we try to drive home every day in our community... the power of using our own relationships (our bonding social capital) to help someone else. This is one of the most powerful things mentors can do, especially when it comes to helping young people connect to resources or explore career pathways. In this world, “who you know” matters. So as you talk to young people in your life about their interests, goals and dreams, think about who you might know that could provide them with an opportunity to expand their possibilities. And consider getting involved in the local mentoring movement to leverage the power of your social capital. Joining us for our Walk & Talk event on April 19 is a great first step!



**Laurie Moline**

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MENTORSTARK Founder*

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*Women building better communities* CANTON

**Present:**

**"Kids In the Kitchen"**  
**for children 9-12 yrs. old**

**April 25, May 2 & 9 10:15am-12:15pm**

held at First Tee Canton 2525 25th St. N.E. Canton, OH 44705

Tony Ly,  
Owner of Basil Asian Bistro &  
Lucca Downtown  
will show you to how to make the  
BEST ramen ever!

**\$15.00—includes (2)  
classes, food &  
apron!**

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