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## ASPIRE Update

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Good afternoon!

ASPIRE is the State of Oregon's mentor program to help students access education and training beyond high school. Park Academy is an ASPIRE school, meaning students in the middle and high school will be involved in a variety of ASPIRE activities this year! Right now, we are recruiting parents and other community members to learn more about the program and consider volunteering! ASPIRE volunteers work in with students in a variety of capacities as outlined in the three examples below.

There is an application process and training videos that help you learn more about the program and possibilities.

Volunteer hours count towards your Park Academy total! Lucy Healy will be helping to schedule, track and record volunteers and their hours. Please contact Lucy directly if you are interested. **You can talk with Lucy when you come in for conferences as she will be at the front desk to sign you in!**

There are three ways to get involved this year:

**Career Spotlight:** Come into school for an hour and tell us about your profession! What is your job? What do you do? And what was your career pathway like?  
We would love to have you share your experience with either the middle school students or the high school careers class.

**Career Fair Preparation:** This would also be one-on-one work with high school students, but it would be just from mid-January to early March when we take all of the high school students to the annual Northwest Youth Career Fair. Meetings with students would focus on helping them match their interests (provided) with the list of 200 employers, businesses and colleges at this event at the Convention Center. They will be gathering some background information on-line and preparing questions to ask the various representatives.

**Mentor:** Work one-on-one with one of our high school students, meeting monthly for 20-30 minutes, helping them to explore their post-high school options.  
I will provide you with topics and resources that match the student's interests.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions or know of someone outside of our immediate Park Academy community.  
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