

Oklahoma and National Mentoring Month

We appreciate all who shared what they did to promote mentoring during National Mentoring Month 2021 in January. Here are a few Oklahoma highlights.

What can you do next year?

What can **we ALL** do together next year to build awareness of mentoring in Oklahoma?

Mayoral Proclamation

City of Norman

—The Honorable Breea Clark & Norman City Council

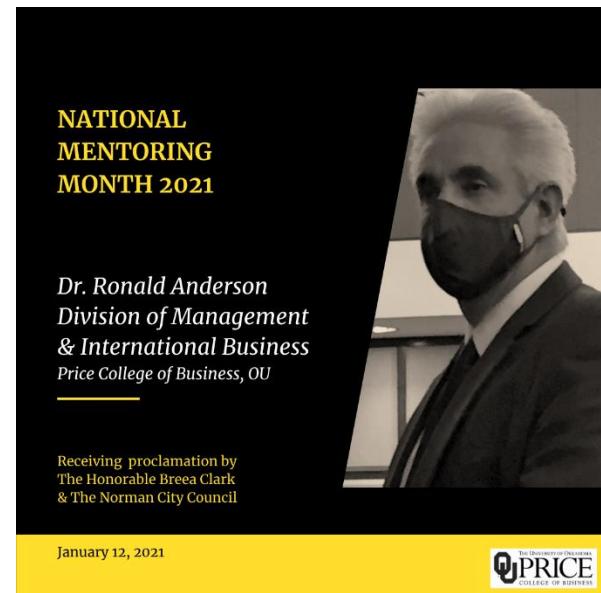


The Honorable Breea Clark proclaimed National Mentoring Month on behalf of Norman's over 30 college and K-12 mentoring programs. Representatives of three Norman organizations received a proclamation and briefly spoke to the council. Speakers were Bianca Gordon of Bridges, Jeff Moody of Big Brothers Big Sisters Norman, and Ron Anderson, J.D., Ph.D., Division of Management and International Business Board of Advisers Mentoring Program, Price College of Business, University of Oklahoma.

In addition to the proclamation's inclusion in the city council's meeting, the *Norman Transcript* also covered it. Also, social media promoted the speakers and the event in a variety of ways. Everything except "the kitchen sink" is in the video, which follows.

National Mentoring Month Proclamation 2021

[Facebook Video Link](#)



Sample Instagram graphic

Mvskoke Nation Youth Services

11 Counties

—Nancy Mason & Staff

Mvskoke Nation Youth Services promoted National Mentoring Month in many ways. MENTOR, the National Mentoring Partnership, designates four dates and provides toolkits. Youth service staff created customized graphics and added a special event.

Proclamation by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation



Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

DECLARING JANUARY 2021 AS “NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH”

A Proclamation by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, January 2021 will mark the 19th anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to focus attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us can work together to increase the number of mentors to help ensure positive outcomes for our young people; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs make our communities and our nation stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs have stepped up to fill gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources and ensuring that mentoring relationships continue virtually to ensure that physical distancing does not mean social disconnection; and

WHEREAS, mentoring plays a pivotal role in career exploration and supports workplace skills by helping young people set career goals, equipping mentors with the skills needed to support the professional growth of young people, and drives positive outcomes for young people and businesses; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and growth of a young person and their relationships with other adults; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and

WHEREAS, youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking; and

WHEREAS, almost half of today's young adults report having a mentor in their youth and those rates appear to have been rising steadily over the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our nation and recruit caring adult mentors in Mvskoke Mentors.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I, David W. Hill, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation do hereby proclaim January 2021 as “National Mentoring Month” for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and urge all citizens and employees to participate in National Mentoring Month activities on January 15, 2020 in order to raise awareness about the need for mentors and how to become a Mvskoke Mentor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereto set my hand and seal on this 29th day of December, 2020.

David W. Hill

David W. Hill, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



National Mentoring Month

MENTORING amplifies

I am a Mentor
January 7th - Share your mentoring stories.

Mvskoke Youth Talks: Mvskoke Mentors
January 11th at 10 am - Register at:
www.mvskokeyouth.com/event-registration

International Mentoring Day
January 17th - How can you make an impact?

MLK - National Day of Service
January 18th - How do you serve?

Thank Your Mentor
January 29th - Show gratitude to your mentor.

Follow our social media @mvskokeyouth to participate and have a chance to win a Mvskoke Mentors T-Shirt

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Nancy Mason created a graphic to post on social media to encourage MNYS followers to thank their mentors. She included her own. Samantha Coon, Jasmyn Jack, and others posted gratitude to mentors.

January 8, 2021
Mvskoke Nation Youth Services

Mvskoke Youth Talks: Mvskoke Mentors Monday, January 11th at 10 am (CST). Celebrate National Mentoring Month by learning more about the need for mentoring and how to become involved with Mvskoke Mentors.

MVSKOKE YOUTH TALKS
NATIONAL
MENTORING MONTH

Monday, January 11th @ 10 am

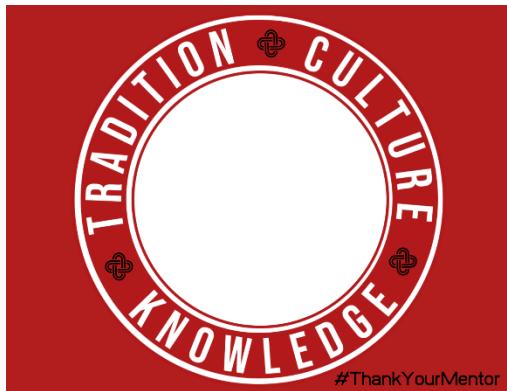
Celebrate National Mentoring Month by learning about the Mvskoke Mentors project, the need for mentors and how to become involved.

Register at: [https://mvskokeyouth.com/event-registration](http://www.mvskokeyouth.com/event-registration)

Watch Live on Facebook @MvskokeYouth

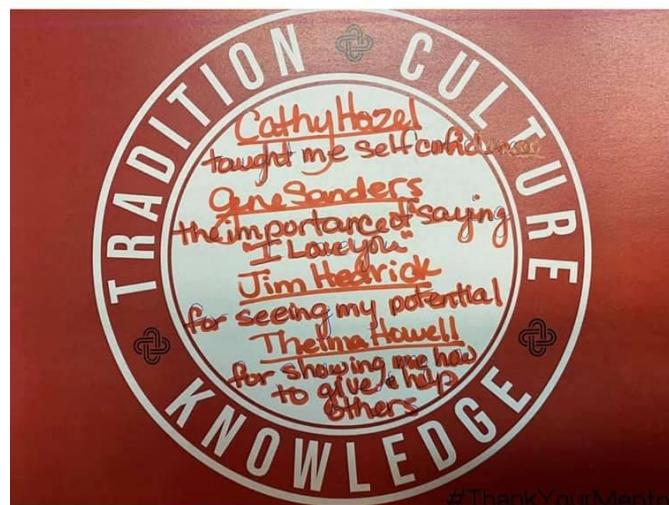
For more information call: 918-549-2557



Thank you Cathy Reinschmidt Hazel Gene Sanders
Thelma Howell and the late Jim Hedrick.

Mvskoke Nation Youth Services Mentor4OK
#MentoringAmplifies #MentorMonth



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Excellence



The foundation honored 21 outstanding mentors through press releases, social media, and [its website](#).

Take-aways from the National Mentoring Summit Claremore

—Roxanne Bilby

- "Why would someone want to be a part of the PAL+ program?"
- "Does your method match your outcome?"
- "Does your message match your demographic?"

We loved hearing from kids who are enrolled in a mentoring program—that was most definitely a high-point. [Youth voice is a pillar of MENTOR's efforts.]

Mendy Stone noted she appreciated hearing from Jean Rhodes, Ph.D., surrounding her most recent research. She explained the difference in a **boutique** program (a program serving a specialized population, such as what we are doing with youth at risk of misusing opioids) and a **mass** program (general mentoring program that serves as the base).

Mendy heard from one of the sessions that they screen their kiddos using the ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) test. She noted at one point PAL had considered this but chose to opt out due to risk of re-traumatizing the youths. In this session, a method was discussed of **weaving the ACE** questions into more of a conversation vs. a screening...food for thought...

College and Career Readiness (CCR) Oklahoma

—Chelsea Hunt



Thanks to Chelsea Hunt, Executive Director of Work-Based Learning & Industry Engagement, Oklahoma State Department for Education, for inviting us to talk about National Mentoring Month and Oklahoma in the January College and Career Readiness webinar. [Presentation \(PDF\)](#).

