Introducing: Warrior to Warrior (W^2) Program!
(Virtual Edition)

A social (peer to peer) support program for Wayne State students on the Autism Spectrum.

Calling all interested student mentors & Autism Spectrum student mentees!

Potential student mentors: Do you…
- Want to do something rewarding this coming year and make a difference in the life of a fellow student?
- Want to expand your horizons?
- Want to add to your resume and gain references for employment/graduate school?

Potential Autism Spectrum student mentees: Do you…
- Want a friend who knows their way around campus and can help connect you to resources?
- Want a friend who will understand and support you with some of the challenges of college life?
- Want to contribute to helping others understand Autism?

Want to Know More? See the Information Below

About the Program

Undergraduate students on the autism spectrum are often academically ready for college but struggle socially and emotionally. They may have trouble meeting new people, knowing how to manage their time, accessing resources at the university, and feeling in general like they belong. Research data indicates that they often feel lonely, isolated and unaccepted by college peers. Student mentors can make a BIG difference for them just by being a friend, **including virtually!**

The W^2 program seeks to help college students on the autism spectrum and their mentors have a more successful, enjoyable and rewarding college experience.

How the Program Works

- Participating student mentees are paired with one or more student mentors who spend time with them during the school year.
- Every other week, mentors and mentees meet for a minimum of one hour of social time. On the opposite weeks they both join a social and/or training activity with the W2 program staff and students.
- Approximate time commitment is a range of 1-2 hours a week. More time is not required but always encouraged.
- We are looking for input on activities and feedback on how to continue to make the program better.

The entire program is virtual for now and will transition to in-person when it is safe for all

Requirements of mentors

- ✓ Social skills, listening skills, and problem-solving skills
- ✓ Sophomore class standing or higher
- ✓ Minimum GPA of 2.8
- ✓ One letter of recommendation (academic or professional)
- ✓ Solid connection to WSU campus and services
- ✓ Time and motivation to participate including weekly contacts (virtually for now)
- ✓ Commitment of one academic year in the program

Requirements of mentees

- ✓ Identify as a person on the autism spectrum with a diagnosis
- ✓ Be interested in working with a student mentor and participating in the program
- ✓ Respond to check-ins from your mentor and program staff
- ✓ Attend virtual weekly social contact meetings

Requirements of mentors and mentees

- ✓ Be a degree-seeking student at WSU
- ✓ Apply and be interviewed using Zoom
- ✓ Attend an orientation at the beginning of the year

Want to apply to be a mentor or mentee? To access the application: Click Here

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