

A2Z Mentoring Program



“Be the change you wish to see in the world.” – Mahatma Gandhi

Volume 3, Issue 1

a2zmentoring.org

July 2017

About Us

The A2Z Mentoring Program is a non-profit organization which seeks to provide one-on-one tutoring for disadvantaged and underprivileged students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. The program has been operating since 2004 in Mercer County, and is working to expand across other counties in New Jersey.

Our trained high school mentors strive to mentor students in the core areas, including but not limited to mathematics, science, and language arts. Each of our volunteers are committed to serve as a positive role model for all students. A2Z’s mentors are self-confident, motivated, and passionate community members who offer their personal time to help students with the development of their basic abilities. We also make sure to develop each and every student’s communication and study skills in order to promote life-long learning. A2Z Mentoring goes beyond the standard tutoring by creating a student-mentor relationship. As a result, students are able to gain the skills and self-confidence critical for future success.

A2Z believes that the “8 C’s” – (1) Compassion, (2) Caring, (3) Commitment, (4) Consistency, (5) Creativity, (6) Challenge, (7) Communication, and (8) Confidence – are the most important ways to guarantee progression of all skills.



“Our A2Z mentors and advisors at the National Mentoring Month Celebration in January 2017.”

A2Z Car Wash



On June 11, 2017, the A2Z Mentoring Program held a car wash at the East Windsor Dairy Queen. For more than six hours, our volunteers and supervisors worked hard to clean a seemingly ever-growing number of cars, minivans, and SUVs, and were able to raise more than \$210. All of these proceeds were used solely for the growth of the A2Z Mentoring Program.

Many of the car owners and our supporters provided generous donations, and we would like to give our sincere appreciation to all of them. We would also like to thank our volunteers – who are: **Ronit Arora, Maharsh Desai, Atirath Dhara, Shruti Joshi, Amulya Koritala, Praneet Kotah, Shefali Mehendale, Hanish Mutyala, Rucha Nirgudkar, Sahit Penmatcha, Aparna Rajesh, and Aparna Sripal** – and supervisors – who are: **Ms. Sharmila Joshi, Ms. Lakshmi Koritala, Ms. Rajita Kotah, Ms. Rajita Mutyala, Ms. Soby, and Ms. Raji Sripal** – for all of their hard work and effort they put into this event. A special recognition goes out to employees at the Dairy Queen for allowing us to conduct our event and providing free refreshments.

Perfect 10-Miler

On the 23rd of October, 2016, a large number of A2Z's teen volunteers, along with a plethora of adults and supervisors, gathered at Mercer County Park in order to help the athletes running the Perfect 10-Miler stay hydrated by providing water and Gatorade as an "on-the-go" drink for the runners. The Perfect 10-Miler is the nation's largest all women's 10 Miler, an event in which thousands of women from all over the nation come to not only compete and train, but to share their joy of running and training with similar individuals. They are also able to meet new people that have the same passion for running as them. Early in the morning, we all gathered at one of the many drink stations placed around the park to set up the refreshments and drink dispensers. We also began to create signs of support and encouragement for the participants in the event. Once this was done, we handed out the drinks to the sudden influx of runners that came through. While refreshments were being handed out, we started cheering athletes on and motivating the runners to push themselves a bit further. Our volunteers were scrambling around during this time providing drinks as the number of runners grew at a seemingly exponential rate! All of us were exhausted after the event was over, but knew that we made a great contribution to the event and its community of runners that participated in it.



A2Z Seniors



Congratulations to all of our high school senior volunteers on graduating! They are: **Salil Desai, Loren Forrest, Ajay Koritala, Poonam Kulkarni, Cynthia Lieu, Jessica Mukhija, Pranay Neelagiri, Pari Pandey, Pooja Pandya, Tejaswi Penmatsa, Harishkarthik Pillai, Yasmin Sarita, Amit Sarma, Siddhi Shah, Roshini Sriram, Shwetha Suresh and Rishi Vardya.** All of them have worked hard to support the A2Z Mentoring Program. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

Upcoming Events

- Between July 22-23, the NJ Triathlon will take place. A2Z Mentoring will serve as one of the supporting organizations for this event. **We are looking for volunteers available from 5:30 AM – 12:30 PM on July 22 and 23.** Volunteers will receive eight (8) fundraising hours.
- The **A2Z Summer 2017 Program will start on July 11** (and will end on August 15). We will be conducting **open sessions on July 15 and 29.**
- For the Fall 2017 Program, the **Open House will occur on September 17 and 24.** Volunteers must attend at least of the trainings on these dates. More details will be given out in the fall.



Donations

Aim for A2Z's funding comes solely from donations and grants

YOU CAN HELP!

To make a donation, please make a check payable to "Aim for A2Z, Inc."

And mail to:

P.O. Box 32, Pennington, NJ, 08534

Aim for A2Z is always seeking corporate sponsorship

For more information, call: 609-213-8674

*Aim for A2Z Mentoring Program is a non-profit 501© (3) Organization - all donations are tax-deductible

Editors



Ronit Arora

A2Z Teen Committee Member



Praneet Kotah

A2Z Teen Committee Member