



# Mentor UPDATE

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## Father and Son "Tag Team" Pair-Up as New HEF Scholarship Mentors



Jeff (on right) with son, Tyler holding Cate, his daughter and future Foundation mentor (we hope!)

A high school student who is enrolled in the Hillsborough Education Foundation Scholarship Program is now the fortunate benefactor of a father and son "tag team" as his mentors. New mentor volunteers, Jeff Cathey and his son Tyler, will be working together to help their mentee chart his academic journey throughout his remaining high school experience toward eventual entry into a college or university of his choice. Jeff Cathey, the father of the team, grew up in Tampa and graduated from HB Plant High School in 1971. While attending the University of Tampa, in addition to his academic pursuits, Jeff played football until he graduated in 1974. In 1978 he graduated from USF with an advanced degree and went on to serve as a Naval Officer from 1979 to 2008. He is currently an executive with the Bank of America. He and his wife Catherine Trezevant Cathey have been married for 30 years and have three adult children, one of whom, Tyler, will be his mentor "teammate."

Jeff says he decided to become a mentor because he believes "in the Foundation's mission and the people who lead it." Jeff describes his protégé as "a talented young man with unlimited potential and a great attitude." Jeff recalls his own mentors and "extraordinary role models" from whom he benefited in his youth.

Tyler is currently an associate with Holland & Knight LLP, practicing

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## Mentors Needed

Have friends or colleagues who would make an amazing mentor? Send their information to [Julie Rocco](#) and she will contact them!

## Reminders

Early Release Days for 2009-2010:

- March 31, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 5, 2010
- May 19, 2010

commercial litigation. He and his wife Callie Spurling Cathey are the proud parents of Cate (pictured above) and their son Jack. Before pursuing his law degree at the University of Florida, Tyler had an opportunity to teach at a high school. He found his teaching experience to be very rewarding and still maintains contact with some of his students five years later. As a Foundation mentor, Tyler is looking forward to fostering a similar positive relationship with the "tag team's" student match. The Foundation is so pleased to welcome Jeff's and Tyler's enthusiasm and involvement with the Foundation's Scholarship Program.

If you would like to share your personal story about serving as a mentor and what impact mentoring has had in your life and the life of your mentee, please email or call Julie Rocco at (813) 231-1924.

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## No Mentoring the week of March 8-12, 2010.

FCAT Testing for Hillsborough County Students will take place the week of March 8-12, 2010. You will not be able to visit your mentee during this week. Words of support via text, email or phone call are encouraged during this testing week.

Mentoring may resume the following week at most schools. Before returning to the school, please check with your mentee's school to make certain you will be granted time with your student.

Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Whether you have been a mentor for many years or just joined the program, we are excited to have you as part of our mentoring team.

The Foundation and your students are more than grateful for your dedication and the honor you bring to the title "MENTOR."

## KH2GO: A Time to Reflect

To get better acquainted with your new friend or even the child you have been mentoring for a time, try asking some questions that will prompt answers which will enable you to better understand how your friend has dealt with issues of the past or is currently facing. Here are a few suggestions:

- .. What was the high point of your week?
- .. What was the major thing you learned about yourself this week?
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## Our 100 Percent Goal Is Only Inches Away

Julie Rocco, our Programs Specialist, has been very diligent in securing mentor volunteers. Her work plus the commitment of our new volunteers has resulted in our getting 94 percent of our scholarship candidates matched with a mentor. You and your new mentor colleagues have made it possible for 209 students to gain guidance from a mentor like yourself every week for an hour.

If you know of someone who might be interested in being a part of this stellar program, give Julie a call at (813) 231-1924. Our best recruiters are you, our mentors, because only you can tell the story about the impact you are making on a child's life and the influence of this experience on your own life.

## Pens Ready? Calendars Ready? Write!

Here are dates you need to know and to discuss with your mentee! Make note of the dates specific to your student's needs.

Testing Dates

ACT/Saturday, April 10:  
May 1:  
(Registration Deadline 3/05/10)  
ACT REGISTRATION

SAT/Saturday,  
(Registration Deadline 3/25/10)  
SAT REGISTRATION

On-line: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
Phone: 1-319-337-1270  
7346

On-line: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Phone: 1-866-756-

Cost: \$32.00 No Writing  
\$47.00 Plus Writing

Additional \$21.00 for late registration

Cost: \$45.00

Additional \$23.00 for late registration

## Important Dates

Strawberry Festival (East Hillsborough County) . . . . . March 8, 2010  
Spring Holiday/Non-Student Days . . . . . April 12-16, 2010  
Students Return to School . . . . . April 19, 2010  
Conference Day/Non-Student Day . . . . . April 30, 2010  
Memorial Day/Non-Student Day . . . . . May 31, 2010  
Last Day of School/End of Fourth Grading Period/2nd Semester. . . June 10, 2010  
Teacher Post-Planning . . . . . June 11-14, 2010

## New Faces and New Places to Visit

New technology based initiatives have been integrated within the mentoring program to augment your role as mentor. You are invited to join the Foundation's Facebook Fan Page to stay abreast of ongoing activities as well as network and interact with other TSIC mentors. Just click on this link <http://www.facebook.com/educationfoundation> and store in Favorites on your browser page.

## Hey There! The Foundation is using Twitter!!!

Twitter is a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What's happening? Join today to start receiving Hillsedufnd's tweets. If you are new to Twitter go to <http://twitter.com/about> and find out what it's all about.

Messages are limited to 140 characters. This space limitation has led us to learn a whole new language using "Twitter" abbreviations. (u dig) To get a dictionary of abbreviations go to <http://pistachioconsulting.com/top-15-twitter-acronyms>. Have fun, and show your new friend that you're "in the groove" with today's technology. Start the Twittering now; just click on <http://twitter.com/hillsedufnd>.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

~Maya Angelou

Sincerely,  
The Mentoring Support Team  
Hillsborough Education Foundation

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