

Rotary's STRIVE Mentoring Program



Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education

What is STRIVE?

STRIVE partners adults from the community with high school students, providing encouragement and support, helping to motivate Stillwater High School students to discover their own strengths and talents and increase their personal and academic achievement. We talk a lot about jobs, careers and character.

Our goal: Encourage, Inspire, Broaden Perspective

HOW STRIVE WORKS:

STRIVE meets about once per month, in the morning during your first and second period classes.

Students and mentors are matched into a small group for the year. They sit together each meeting to listen to the speaker and to have discussion about what the speaker said. All meetings will be led by the STRIVE Coordinator, and students and mentors are provided resources and direction to help mentors and students feel comfortable.

Mentors are not tutors, but are instead partners, supporting the student by listening, sharing ideas, experiences, and offering encouragement.

Students and mentors are also encouraged to communicate between STRIVE meetings.

STRIVE students are eligible to apply for two Rotary camps for high schoolers, with all expenses paid for by the local Rotary Clubs.

In addition, STRIVE students are provided opportunities to volunteer with their mentor at various Rotary community service projects throughout the year. Many of these events are fun for Rotarians, their families, and STRIVE students with their mentors. Students participating in Rotary events outside of normal STRIVE meetings will receive credit for any missed STRIVE meetings.

STRIVE MENTOR COMMITMENT:

Mentors commit to regular attendance to STRIVE meetings and events as their professional and personal lives allow. Attendance of 75% of meetings is expected for the sake of the students' experience in the program. Mentors do not believe they have all the answers for their student, but will listen to their student, share relevant and appropriate experiences and offer encouragement. Mentor's will communicate with their student and partner mentor where applicable when they are unable to attend a meeting.

STRIVE STUDENT COMMITMENT

Attend and participate in regularly scheduled STRIVE meetings. Attendance of 75% is expected for the sake of the student's experience in the program.

Treat other STRIVE members and mentors with respect and dignity.

Commit to learning and improving in their classwork.

Commit to having a positive effect on their peers, the school and the Stillwater area community.

Communicate with STRIVE Coordinator and their mentor(s) when they are unable to attend a meeting.

DATES FOR 2017-18:

7:40a-9:00a, Fridays

Sep 8, Sep 29, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 5, Jan 26, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11

STRIVE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP REWARDS

Stillwater Sunrise Rotary awards over \$9,000 in scholarships to STRIVE students each year.

- Scholarships are awarded competitively. Students will receive information about the scholarship in the winter of their senior year.
- Mentor's Choice scholarship for student with significant contribution to and within the program.\

RECOGNITION EVENT

At the end of May each year, Stillwater Sunrise Rotary invites STRIVE students and family members to a regular meeting of the Rotary Club for the students to be recognized in front of the Club and community members. Details for the event will be shared the month before the meeting.

WHAT IS ROTARY?

Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders of more than 1.2 million members, who volunteer in their communities and promote world understanding and peace. Rotary's 32,000 clubs in more than 171 countries and regions encourage high ethical standards and carry out humanitarian projects to address such issues as poverty, health, hunger, education and the environment.

"The Rotary motto is ***"Service above Self"***.