



## Student-Soldier Mentoring Newsletter

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*"Everyone wants to feel that he counts for something and is important to someone. Invariably, people will give their love, respect, and attention to the person who fills that need."*

*John C. Maxwell, Leadership 101*

### Outreach Campaign

*Real leadership is being the person others will gladly and confidently follow.*

#### **Mentoring at Fort Bliss and WSMR**

One of the most gratifying events as we end the year will be a reception, hosted by students in Educational Management and Development (EMD), for a student-Soldier Mentoring Program. It will be held at 5:00 P.M., Thursday, December 10, 2009. The site will be the Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Club located at 1274 Golf Club Road, Las Cruces.

Online mentoring is a powerful educational initiative to ensure that student-Soldiers succeed. We are committed to investing the time so that our military students excel and avoid having to pay back their tuition when they do not pass a class. Recovery of military student tuition occurs when they fail or drop classes without solid reasons. On most Army installations the recoupment is staggering. Mentoring significantly broadens Education Services' capability for extending educational awareness and opportunities in support of our military commanders' educational strategic plan.

#### **Who's on the mentoring team?**

Mentors will include distinguished leaders from all fields! Brigadier General John Regan, Commanding General at WSMR and Colonel Emmett Schaille, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff at Fort Bliss will spearhead the recruitment drive along with NMSU leadership students. The Garrison Commanders from WSMR and Fort Bliss, Colonel Christopher Wicker and Colonel Edward Manning, respectively, will provide mentoring-outreach oversight and educational leadership. The Las Cruces City Council was invited to assist in developing the platform for civic leaders to join the mentoring team.

#### **What's expected?**

At these leadership events we are dedicated to educational excellence and mentoring future leaders as

they pursue their educational goals. We need to tell student-Soldiers that we believe in them and want them to succeed. We need to tell them often that we know they are going to make it. We will send them encouragement and become a positive prophet of their success. Once students recognize and understand that we genuinely want to see them succeed and are committed to helping them, they will gain confidence and know they can complete their degree.

#### **What else is significant about mentoring?**

By becoming a mentor, you become someone who empowers others. You enable others to reach the highest levels in their personal and professional development. Simply defined, empowering is giving your influence to others for the purpose of personal and organizational growth. It's sharing yourself—your influence, position, power, and opportunities—with others for the purpose of investing in their lives so that they can function at their best. It's seeing someone's potential and showing them that you believe in them completely.

Empowerment is a very comprehensive, dynamic process that has the potential to substantially impact an individual or an organization. The act of empowering others changes lives, and it's a win-win situation for you and the people you empower.



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