



# You Can Support Cleveland's Youth as They

- Discover Who They Are •
- Make Important Decisions •
- Investigate Career Options •

Invest in your community –  
volunteer as a True2U  
mentor today!





The **True2U** program is an innovative **mentoring** and career awareness program that prepares **eighth grade** students for the transition from middle school to high school. It began at the start of the 2015-2016 school year and served all eighth grade students in **22 Cleveland Metropolitan School District schools** during its first year. During the 2016-2017 school year the program serves 1,700 students in 44 schools.

**Students served in 2015-2016: 773**  
**2015-2016 Mentors: 150**

Mentoring is delivered using a unique advisory model in which groups of approximately **12 students** are led by a team of **two or three mentors**. The advisory groups meet at the schools for **three hours each month** and mentors facilitate a structured **personal development** and **career exploration** curriculum that helps students think about career options and how they can use high school as a **pathway to their future**.

**Students served in 2016-2017: 1,700**  
**2016-2017 Mentors: 250**

Mentors are encouraged to work with their mentor partner(s) to prepare for the in-school sessions and are supported throughout the year by True2U program staff with **training sessions** before each in-school session, YouTube **training videos**, and **online mentor resources**.

**Students to be served in 2017-2018: 2,500**  
**Mentors needed for 2017-2018: 600**

True2U is the shared vision of community leaders from MyCom – the youth development initiative of the Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Neighborhood Leadership Institute, and the Northeast Ohio Faith-Based Collaborative, Inc. Together, they work to recruit mentors from the business community, churches, and civic organizations.

**Join us in cultivating the future leaders of Cleveland!**



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## Program Events

- **Program Launch at the Cleveland Zoo in September** •

*Programming includes: Mr. Stedman Graham, career education, and team building activities.*



- **Seven 3 hour-long in-school mentoring sessions throughout the school year** •



- **Out-of-School Experience in March, April, or May** •

*Day-long Field Trip: Students visit a Northeast Ohio organization for a tour and career awareness program in the morning and tour a college or university in the afternoon.*

- **Culminating Event in May** •

*Programming includes: Mr. Stedman Graham and meet-and-greets with High Schools*

- **True2U Summer Leadership Academy** •

*Through an interview process, approximately 40 students are selected for the True2U Summer Leadership Academy to continue to develop their leadership skills and assist in True2U curriculum evaluation.*

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## 2016-2017 Mentors represented many Greater Cleveland businesses & organizations:

*Americorps  
ArcelorMittal Cleveland  
Arconic  
Arrow Technology  
Baker & Hostetler LLP  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Bedford Heights  
Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation  
Brooks Insurance Agency  
Burten, Bell, Carr Development  
Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP  
City Of Cleveland  
City of Cleveland Airport System  
City of Cleveland, Department of Public Utilities  
City of Garfield Heights  
Cleveland Clinic  
Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Cleveland Neighborhood Progress  
Cleveland Public Library  
Cleveland State University  
Cleveland Transformation Alliance  
Cohen & Company  
College Now of Greater Cleveland  
Connections  
Cuyahoga Community College  
Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Cuyahoga Job and Family Services  
Diversified Gifts and Awards  
Division of Children Services  
Dix & Eaton  
Eaton  
Educational Services Center of Cuyahoga  
County  
Encore Cleveland  
Fairmount Santrol  
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland  
Greater Cleveland Faith Based Collaborative  
Greater Cleveland Partnership*

*Home Olmstead Senior Living  
Howse Solutions  
Huntington National Bank  
Integrity Stainless  
KeyBank  
KeyCorp  
Latino Initiative  
Lincoln Heritage  
Lubrizol  
Medical Mutual  
MyCom  
NASA Glenn Research Center  
Neighborhood Leadership Institute  
NorthEast Reintegration Center  
Ohio City Near West Development Corp  
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and  
Corrections  
Open Doors Academy  
Opportunity Corridor Partnership  
PACE Tumbling & Eclectic Arts Program  
PNC Financial Services Group  
Porter Wright  
Pure Water Technology  
Radio One  
REACH Counseling Services  
Shepard of Joshua NBM  
Starting Point  
State of Ohio  
Strategic Transitions  
Tarkett  
The Acuity Group  
The Cleveland Foundation  
The George Gund Foundation  
The Oaks of Brecksville  
The Sherwin-Williams Company  
University Hospitals  
Voices for Ohio's Children  
Youth Opportunities Unlimited  
Zin Technologies*



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# **2017-2018 True2U Calendar of Events**

*(Subject to change)*

## **Mentor Orientations**

*(new mentors attend one session)*

**Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

## **Mentor Trainings**

*(mentors attend one 3 hour session  
in September, one in November, and one in February)*

**Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **Program Launch**

*(optional for mentors)*

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

## **True2U School Open House**

**Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

## **In-School Sessions**

**Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

## **Mentor Networking Event**

*(optional)*

**Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **Out-of-School Experiences**

*(optional for mentors)*

**March - May**

## **Culminating Event**

*(schools equally divided across three days)*

**Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

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## 2017-2018 True2U Schools

A.J. Rickoff	<b>Fullerton</b>	Newton D. Baker
Adlai E. Stevenson	<b>Garfield</b>	O.H. Perry
Alfred Benesch	<b>George Washington Carver</b>	Orchard STEM
Almira	<b>H. Barbara Booker</b>	Patrick Henry
Anton Grdina	<b>Hannah Gibbons</b>	Paul Dunbar
Artemus Ward	<b>Harvey Rice</b>	Riverside
Benjamin Franklin	<b>Iowa Maple</b>	Robert H. Jamison
Bolton	<b>Joseph M. Gallagher</b>	Robinson G. Jones
Buhrer Dual Language	<b>Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy</b>	Scranton
Campus International	<b>Louis Agassiz</b>	Sunbeam
Case	<b>Luis Munoz Marin</b>	Thomas Jefferson
Charles Dickens	<b>Marion C. Seltzer</b>	Tremont Montessori
Charles Eliot	<b>Marion Sterling</b>	Valley View Boys Leadership Academy
Charles Mooney	<b>Mary B. Martin</b>	Wade Park
Clara Westropp	<b>Mary Bethune</b>	Walton
Clark	<b>Memorial</b>	Warner Girls Leadership Academy
Cleveland School of the Arts	<b>Michael R. White</b>	Waverly
Daniel Morgan	<b>Miles</b>	Whitney Young Leadership Academy
Denison	<b>Miles Park</b>	Wilbur Wright
Douglas MacArthur Girls Leadership Academy	<b>Mound</b>	William Cullen Bryant
East Clark	<b>Nathan Hale</b>	Willow
Euclid Park		Willson
Franklin D. Roosevelt		



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## Reflections on True2U

"The program helped me to think about my future and what I want to be when I get older. And as a result of thinking about my future I thought about how I was acting now and how would that affect my future."

~Lonnell Taylor, True2U Student

"One cannot ask for a more meaningful, all-encompassing role in the present time than this, with so many personal interactions, surprising learning moments, and unexpected mental challenges included in this experience. So, if you are one of those people looking for fulfilling, meaningful, continuing personal enrichment that is not easy or simple but infinitely rewarding then the True2U mentor program is for U."

~Jeff Buchman, Lubrizol True2U Mentor

"True2U was one of the best programs CMSD has ever had. From the kickoff at the zoo to the culminating day at East, it was well run and organized. The best part of the program was the trip to the airport and Hiram College. My boys absolutely loved that entire day! Thank you!"

~Erin Moses, Cleveland Metropolitan School District Educator  
Valley View Boys Leadership Academy

"Our Bethune Scholars looked forward to True2U. I believe it was the first time that they seriously considered their futures with anticipation and excitement. They truly saw the possibility of what could be. I believe that as a result of True2U our scholars made more educated high school choices and were more looking forward to what their future holds."

~Melanie Nakonachny, Cleveland Metropolitan School District Principal  
Mary M. Bethune PK-8 School

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# True2U

A youth development and career awareness mentoring program

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