

Been there, done that? Now be there and do this.

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## WHAT THEY GET

In the state of California, 63% of high school graduates enroll in college. Yet in our Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) that number falls to 48%, with only 21% enrolling in a 4-year institution.

Our vision is a strong, vibrant community with opportunity for all. But to get there, we need to create pathways that open boundless possibilities and foster student potential so they believe in themselves, that they can achieve.

This is where you come in. Your knowledge and experience can inspire a student to find their voice, to discover their purpose and thrive beyond high school. You can help a student find a college that fits their interests or ideas, apply to potential scholarships, consider their options, and lend support along the way.

You don't need to be a college admissions expert. You only need to have been there, done that and be willing to share your time and talent to help someone else do it too.



## WHAT YOU GET

Student Mentoring and Resource Training (SMART) is how PSUSD is paving the pathway for student access to college. Transformational and intergenerational, SMART matches adult mentors with high school students to support them navigating the daunting university and college application process.

You'll experience amazing things:

- Training on the SMART process
- 1 hour a week with your mentee on a school morning – it's fun
- Friendships with other mentors
- Family dinners with the group
- College visits with students
- Joy, love, satisfaction, and pride in seeing your student achieve more than they ever dreamed possible

## Requirements:

18-month commitment
1 hr weekly during the school year
Background check, fingerprinting
Program starts every January

Be a mentor! Email us at: TheFoundation@psusd.us