TRAINING AND ENGAGING WITH ADVOCACY MENTORS

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INTRODUCING....

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WHY A MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

EXPOSE

• Students to APAPO, SPTAs, and the policy issues affecting practicing psychologists

ENCULTURATE

• Students with the need to advocate for their profession at the state and federal level
WHY A MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

EMPOWER

• Students with the skills needed to advocate for their profession and patients

ENSURE

• Professional psychology’s future is secured with experienced advocates
WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM?

Mentors – SPTA Federal Advocacy Coordinators
Mentees – APAGS State Advocacy Coordinators

• Additional participants in the APAPO TEAM includes Division Federal Advocacy Coordinators and APAGS Campus Representatives

• Oversight by APAPO Government Relations Office in consultation with APAGS Advocacy Coordinating Team and SPTAs
APAPO TEAM STRUCTURE

APAPO & SPTAs ➔ FACs & SACs/CRs ➔ Graduate Students
WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES?

**FAC Mentor**
- Participate in APAPO TEAM orientation call
- Contact student mentee twice a semester
- Participate in APAPO TEAM Challenge
- Share APAPO Alerts with mentee

**Student Mentee**
- Participate in orientation call
- Communicate with mentor twice a semester
- Participate in APAPO TEAM Challenge
- Share APAPO Alerts with student network
APAPO TEAM “KICK-OFF”

**Stage I: Forming the APAPO TEAM (May – July 2016)**
- Collect FAC mentor registration forms
- Identify SACs to pair with FACs

**Stage II: APAPO TEAM Launch (August – September 2016)**
- FACs and SACs introductions
- TEAM orientation xall

**Stage III: APAPO TEAM Challenge (October – November 2016)**
- FACs and SACs participate in TEAM Challenge
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Stage IV: TEAM Halftime Check-in (January – February 2017)
• TEAM conference call & recap TEAM Challenge
• Plan for Spring TEAM Project

Stage V: Spring Team Project (March – April 2017)
• FACs & SACs participate in Spring TEAM Project

Stage VI: TEAM Evaluation (April 2017)
• TEAM participants share feedback on the APAPO TEAM Program
APAPO TEAM CHALLENGE

APAPO TEAM Challenge will rotate each year, and possible projects include:

• A Virtual Lobbying Day
• Grassroots Advocacy Training
• District Visits
• Op-Ed/Letters to the Editors
• APAPO on-campus updates
• APAPO-PAC Fundraiser
APAPO TEAM Spring Project is developed by FAC and SAC, some ideas:

- State lobbying Day
- Presentation at SPTA Convention
- District Visits
- Congressional Fundraiser
- Joint letter to member of Congress
We want to hear from you! At the end of the program year, we will ask TEAM participants and stakeholders for input.
NOW WHAT!??

• FACs – Please sign up by May 10th!

• SACs will be partnered with an FAC mentor over the summer.