

Dear Mentors,

Thank you very much for agreeing to be a mentor for one of our students. You are a very busy professional and we appreciate that you have given one of our students the very special opportunity to learn what you do.

The Senior Project at Poway High School was started about 10 years ago as an opportunity for students to gain “real world experience” before they head out to college, the military, or work. Poway High School has a dedicated team of staff who feel that the senior year is an opportunity for students to learn more than just the basics; we want them to get out into the community, network, and have a stronger grasp of their future plans. Our students have three options to pursue in their Senior Project: investigating a career, exploring a college major, or planning and completing a community service project. As a mentor, each of you will have a very different role, but the same outcome: **helping students achieve their goal.**

Students will be emailing you, calling, and setting up times to observe you work. With that being said, they are warned that you have family commitments, you may travel for work, and that you are very busy. They are required to spend at least 8 hours observing/job shadowing and have nearly 9 months to complete this work. Students may set up an entire day to observe you or spread the time out over several days. Our goal is for students to receive the full experience of your profession and ask themselves: is this what I want to do?

We hope that you find this partnership has an opportunity to guide our students into their future endeavors. Often we find our students saying that they would “like to be a lawyer,” but they have no idea what they really do. Our hope is that your mentor relationship will give the student the tools to decide if they would like to pursue this as their profession or investigate something else.

Should you have any questions or concerns about your mentor relationship, please contact Noreen Walton or myself.

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher
Principal, Poway High School