

iCAN SPARTANBURG NEWSLETTER

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EARLY EVENTS

Mentor Training

The initial training was held in January 2018 and was conducted by the Citizen Scholars staff. Mentors participate in regularly scheduled trainings regarding such topics as active listening, understanding barriers to college access and communications best practices.



iCAN Spartanburg Match Day

The near-peer mentoring program officially started Feb. 6, 2018, as mentor and mentee matches were revealed. Due to a high response from Wofford students, some mentees actually have two mentors to help assist with the college preparation process. The event was a huge success that was highlighted with food, icebreakers and fun! Parents and individuals from the Wofford community also attended.



SEMINAR SATURDAYS

February 2018

During Seminar Saturdays, mentors and mentees spent the first portion of the morning communicating and working on specific topics as they related to college access and success. For iCAN's first Seminar Saturday, the mentees continued to build bonds while mapping out personal, educational and future career goals and the steps needed to reach these goals.



March 2018

To begin exploring college academic majors, mentees completed the Myers Briggs personality test to gain a better understanding of their personality types and which academic majors would be most compatible for them.



April 2018

During the last Seminar Saturday for the semester, pairs discussed certain tasks that can be completed over the summer to prepare for the college admission process, such as resume building, drafting an admission application, finding service opportunities and summer employment. Many pairs focused on preliminary scholarship searches as well.



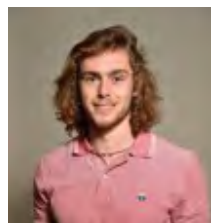
RECOGNITIONS

Tristan Brank, Lacey Robinson and Phyllicia Colvin-Patton (iCAN fellows) were awarded the Henry Freeman Award at Wofford's Honors Convocation for their assistance in developing the framework for iCAN Spartanburg. The fellows created the name for the program and served as student leaders working closely with the Center for Community-Based Learning.

All three of the iCAN fellows graduated from Wofford in May, and we thank them for their impact and hard work in helping to make the program a success. We wish them the best with their future plans!



Congratulations to the Citizen Scholars Institute on being awarded a \$7,400 grant from One Spartanburg in June at the second annual Citizen Scholars Summit. The grant will assist eighth-grade Citizen Scholars to participate in a yearlong robot-building course during Seminar Saturdays.



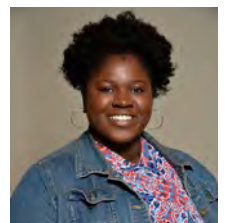
Brank

Biology major, finance minor. Currently taking a gap year before attending graduate school. *former Citizen Scholar



Robinson

Chemistry major. Currently working as an outreach and enrollment coordinator for Kids' Doc on Wheels in the Atlanta area.



Colvin-Patton

Spanish major, international affairs minor. Currently working as a City Year Spanish teacher in Philadelphia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 8 - 4:30 p.m., Back to School Kickoff, Anna Todd Wofford Center, Andrews Field House

Oct. 4 - 6 p.m., FAFSA Night, Gray-Jones Room, Burwell Building

Nov. 8 - 6 p.m., First-Generation College Student Panel Discussion, Leonard Auditorium, Main Building

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