

## DSABC Engages Community Support in Honor of National Mentoring Month

Danbury, CT (January 11, 2024) – Danbury Student and Business Connection (DSABC), the non-profit driving mentorship programming between students of Danbury Public Schools and employees of local businesses is celebrating National Mentoring Month this January. DSABC's program provides over 90 students with a mentor. Mentors and mentees regularly meet once a week during a school period (less than one hour) to build the character and confidence of a student significantly impacting the student's personal and academic success.

DSABC has engaged partners in the greater Danbury area to promote the services in hopes of finding more mentors to volunteer in the school system and increase awareness of DSABC's programs and impact.

Throughout the month, DSABC will be sharing impact stories on its social media channels. It is also holding a mentor appreciation event to foster community and connection among new and returning mentors.

The Big Y at 83 Stony Hill Road in Bethel, has named DSABC as its monthly Community Bag Program beneficiary. For the month of January, DSABC will receive a \$1 donation for every \$2.50 bag purchased.

On January 31, Holiday Diner on White Street in Danbury is **Dining with DSABC**. In this restaurant partnership, patrons who dine just need to mention DSABC to their servers so that 10% of their bills will be donated to the organization.

In addition, area residents can support DSABC by simply donating on the website at dsabcmentors.org/donate.

With the growing need of students in the Danbury Public School system, DSABC is actively recruiting more volunteer mentors. In a short amount of time, mentors can have a major impact on their mentee. One mentor recently shared, "It is a rewarding and beneficial experience for both people and they would be surprised at the difference that can be made in only 30 minutes a week."



It's easy to become a mentor. You just need to be available 1 hour a week to meet with a student during the school day. If interested in making a difference in Danbury, contact Alexis Koukos (DSABC Executive Director) at koukoa@danbury.k12.ct.us for an application.

## About DSABC

DSABC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, founded in 1990, that fosters collaboration among Danbury Public Schools, local businesses and the community to promote lifelong learning and the successful transition of youth into society and the workforce. Through business and community partnerships, DSABC programs build the character and confidence of Danbury Students to achieve personal and academic success. DSABC's primary programs are the school-based mentoring programs, providing approximately 100 mentors to students in the Danbury Public Schools as well as Henry Abbott Regional Technical School. Mentors are primarily volunteers from area corporations/businesses and the community at large. To learn more, visit <u>DSABCMentors.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.

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