



Alumni Coach

Job Description:

An Alumni Coach is a previous ConneXions participant who, on a one-on-one basis, provides intentional and regular encouragement, prayer support, and a listening ear relating to the processes of ConneXions.

Requirements:

- One meaningful interaction at least once a month. More if possible.
 - Meaningful interaction takes time...it is understood that your interaction will be increasingly meaningful as your relationship grows stronger. Some ideas are: dinner, a cup of coffee, an event, a phone conversation that deals with heart issues or real life stuff.
- Consistent prayer for the participant
- An initial nine-month commitment
- Listen well.
 - Offer advice (solve problems) after asking if they would like your advice. Free advice is often discarded, but one who is seeking advice is ready to listen...if you listen well, chances are that they will too!
- Refer to Pastoral Coach for issues that are personal accountability.

Other possible ways to interact:

- Send a letter through snail-mail.
- Drop him a spontaneous line through e-mail or over the phone just to let him know that you're thinking of him and praying for him.

*We must remain sensitive to the "Revolving Door Syndrome" that is common to many youth. This happens when people (adults) do not fully consider the cost of their investment before they commit, and/or when there is some measure of discouragement that is felt from the commitment. For whatever reason, the person who verbally said that they cared did not follow through in their action and thus the adult comes in and then out of the life of the teen as through a revolving door. This has the potential for causing damage in any relationship, especially in the life of those who are still forming their identities as individuals and learning who they are.

“Casting out their demons,” but not wanting to be their friend will certainly result in failure and this attitude will be easily detected by anyone.