



Pair Event: EOY Celebration



EVENT OBJECTIVES

Students and their mentors will reflect on what they accomplished as a pair this year and over the course of high school.

PURPOSE & CONTEXT

This is the last event of the high school program. Pairs will now “fly the nest” and take charge of their relationships—including when and how they will continue to collaborate and communicate. This event will affirm the commitments pairs have made together and allow for an in-person commitment to extend their pair relationship after high school.

EVENT PREP

Set up a check-in table with event packets, pens/pencils, name badges, seating assignments and check in documents.

Post a few copies of the seating assignments on the walls. Make sure to use a large enough font!

AGENDA (90 min event/20 min huddle)

5 min Welcome

20 min Chat and Chew: Program Reflection

60 min EOY Celebration

5 min Closing

NOTES:

The EOY Celebration will require pre-work. You should collaborate with your school site and regional leadership team to plan the activities you would like to incorporate into the celebration. Ideas for celebration activities can be found in the event run-through of this guide.

MATERIALS: swag, EOY Pair Packet

AGENDA

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
<p>Welcome and Intro (5 min)</p>	<p>TALKING POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome, everyone! Thank you for joining our final high school event! ● Tonight is a time for celebration, reflection, and looking forward. ● First, we will reflect on what we have accomplished throughout this program and our mentor/mentee relationship. ● Then, we will celebrate the close out of our high school program with some fun activities. <p><i>Let pairs know what time mentees will be dismissed from the event. Share any housekeeping logistics (where the restrooms are, how to get your attention during the event if they need it, introduce other school and event staff in the room, etc.).</i></p>
<p>Chat & Chew (20 min)</p>	<p>TALKING POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As you eat, take time to reflect on your relationship and how you plan to stay in touch after high school! <p><i>Debrief: What has been your favorite pair memory? Why?</i></p>
<p>EOY Celebration (60 min)</p>	<p>TALKING POINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Now that we have had a chance to reflect on our program experience, let's celebrate all of the amazing work that you have done and all that you have been able to accomplish. <p><i>Note: Below are suggestions for celebration activities.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Graduation cap decoration: you will need to procure graduation caps and markers for your pairs. Each mentor and mentee will decorate their other half's cap with images and words that describe their pair relationship. You can bring all of your pairs together after they have decorated to share what has been written on their caps and to throw their caps up in celebration of their program completion.</i> ● <i>Field day: set up different games for students and their mentors to play (examples include: basketball, kickball, volleyball, capture the flag, etc.).</i> ● <i>Set up a photo booth with props for pairs to take photos in.</i> ● <i>Create a trivia game based on how well pairs know each other (they have to guess each other's preferences for different snack foods, movies, music, etc.).</i>

Closing
(5 min)

TALKING POINTS

- Thank you for joining our final event! It has been a pleasure to work with you all. <share final remarks and reflections>