



Arrupe Partnerships for Community-based Learning

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BUILD

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Organizational Profile

BUILD is a social venture located in East Palo Alto, California. BUILD's mission is to provide real-world entrepreneurial experience that empowers youth from under-resourced communities to excel in education, lead in their communities, and succeed professionally. By encouraging students to develop their own small businesses, BUILD extends traditional entrepreneurial education far beyond the classroom and provides students with real-world business experiences. The program's ultimate goal is to prepare high school students for college. BUILD operates as an in-school elective in the ninth grade teaching business skills. In the sophomore and junior years, students put their business knowledge into practice, and run their own businesses after school. In addition to running their own businesses, the students begin to focus more on their classes as they begin to understand the importance of doing well in school.

SCU Student's Role

As a BUILD Academic Mentor, SCU students will be expected to dress and act professionally as they work to get the students focused and working on their homework. This includes reviewing old tests and quizzes, editing papers, helping complete homework assignments (which sometimes include late-work that the students are finishing), etc. SCU students will be responsible for helping with a team of up to four to five sophomores and juniors during the Academic Incubator for two hours in various subject areas. BUILD students work especially well with tutors in Algebra I, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Geometry, Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Spanish, and French. This may involve working one-to-one, or conducting a mini-tutorial on a subject that aligns with the SCU student's strengths. The Academic Incubator is the time when the students focus strictly on academics and learning how to get help from BUILD mentors. The SCU student will be expected to take leadership and initiative in helping the student because they often are not sure how to best ask for help.

To Do Before Orientation

- Visit the website listed above to learn more about your placement or the umbrella organization with which it is affiliated.
- Read your course syllabus and be prepared to discuss your learning goals with your placement supervisor at orientation.