MENTOR SUMMARY

MISSION
Pair Collegiate rising seniors with alumni, parents and community partners to observe problem-solving, critical thinking, communications and collaboration in the workplace and bring direction to students’ career inspirations and aspirations.

DESCRIPTION
A two-week job shadowing program for rising seniors that strives to create meaningful experiences for each participant. Students prioritize industries of interest from the following list: Architecture and Engineering; Hospitality; Marketing and Communications; Art; Finance; Nonprofit/Public Service; Education; Law; Real Estate; Entrepreneurship; Medicine/Health Care; Technology

STUDENT REFLECTION
During Trailblaze, students will be charged with keeping a journal to reflect on the experience.

MENTOR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT
Mentors are a key partner in helping students understand their personal growth over the course of the two-week program. The assessment is designed to help students identify strengths and opportunity for growth.

MENTOR CHECKLIST
By Jan. 1
1. Complete requested company information. Find a link to the google doc posted on Trailblaze webpage at https://www.collegiate-va.org/cougar-community/alumni/trailblaze.
2. Provide any medical requests, corporate releases or NDA requirements to Lauralee Allen.

By March 1
1. Receive mentee assignment and resume.
2. Receive completed requested forms.
3. Receive Meet & Greet schedule sign-up, mentee medical emergency contact information, mentee photography release permission form and mentee resume.

Weeks of May 4 and May 11
Attend Meet & Greet appointment based on March sign-up schedule. During this informal Meet & Greet, there will be time to discuss goals, ideas and schedules for your Trailblaze mentee. Lauralee and Trina will be available to answer questions. Visit the Trailblaze webpage for some helpful information.

By May 18
Sign and return Mentor Guidelines Form to Lauralee Allen.

June 8–19
Trailblaze program