



## MCHS Community Connection Program

Mariposa County High School (MCHS) has partnered with the Academic Boosters Club, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in order to connect members of the community with students who would benefit from having an additional positive role model in their lives. Our goal is to assist in enriching our students who need us most, including those living in single parent homes, living with grandparents, growing up in poverty and coping with parental incarceration through forming lasting bonds with community members and to build a strong interlocking community program.

Our program is designed to allow community members to be matched with a participating MCHS student in order to enrich the student's life through activities and dialogue. All community members are required to have a background check and complete provided training before being interviewed for a match. Once the above has been finalized, we will introduce them to their matched student.

Students participating in this program are between the ages of fourteen and eighteen and enrolled at MCHS only. The students agree to participate in our program, which is strictly voluntary. MCHS will conduct interviews with students to discover their interests, hobbies and preferences to ensure the best match possible.

Each match is unique in that every student has a different personality, different needs and different expectations. Getting together doesn't require a special occasion or expensive activity—just a few hours every month doing things both the community member and the student enjoy. A few examples may be: holiday festivals, inexpensive lunch, play cards, teach them a craft, trade or new hobby like photography or cooking. Each month, the community member and the student will meet with a coordinator either by phone or in person to ensure the match is going well and the relationship continues to be positive for the student.