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Mentorship Academy celebrates Mentorship Day

BATON ROUGE – Mentorship Academy is celebrating Baton Rouge’s first Mentorship Day with its “Thankful for Mentors” event Nov. 21 to raise awareness and recruit mentors for the school’s students. This open house event will be held at Mentorship Academy, located at 339 Florida St., from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mentorship Day was recognized and proclaimed by the City of Baton Rouge and Mayor-President Kip Holden, and will be celebrated annually on Nov. 21. The day encourages community members to form mentoring relationships with young adults to provide mentees with practical insight on post-secondary education and the professional world.

Mentorship Academy hopes to inform the Baton Rouge community of the need for mentors and the beneficial value of mentoring relationships while recruiting mentors for its students.

Event attendees will receive complimentary hors d'oeuvres while listening to Graysen Walles, executive director of Mentorship Academy, speak about the need for mentors for their students. Afterward, select Mentorship Academy seniors will guide tours of the school.

“Mentoring must be a part of the DNA of our school,” Walles said. “Without it our students will not have the type of focus, motivation and support that’s required to

be successful academically or professionally. Mentoring is not an option; it is a non-negotiable.”

The mission of the Mentorship Academy is to develop young adults who learn continuously as our economies and communities change. This is accomplished through mentoring relationships with industry professionals, project-based learning, cross-curricular teaching, and technology integration. More information about Mentorship Academy can be found at mentorshipbr.org.

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