

Jessica Wright

- Mentee: Kayla Skeete, Bishop McNamara High School, Class of 2012
- Years Mentoring with CPE: 2



One of the first things that you'll notice about Jessica Wright, affectionately known as Jess, is her brilliant smile and infectious laugh. She exudes warmth and approaches life with such open-mindedness that you get the sense that you've known her forever. That's exactly how her mentee Kayla Skeete feels. Jess has helped Kayla with everything from gathering supplies for a school project to fashion choices to the college application process. She has created a safe environment for Kayla to just be herself and struck the fine balance of being an inspiring role model, confidante, motivator, and dear friend. Jess truly embodies the CPE value of support, and we are proud to have her as a member of the CPE family.

Motivational Mentors: Here's What Kayla had to say!

Transitioning from a freshman into a sophomore was a difficult process. I was no longer a 'new kid' at school and the high school experience became more challenging. The biggest change was handling it all on my own. I was so accustomed to having a great mentor my freshman year to guide me through the year that I struggled to motivate myself. Despite this, I held strong throughout the year because I knew God had more in store for me, and I was right!

I'll never forget the day when Ms. Regina called me one afternoon and announced my new match with a young woman named Jessica Wright. I was mailed her contact information, and I was so excited to meet her that I posted my letter on my bedroom wall for some time. I thank God for allowing her to join the CPE program and for blessing me with such a great match! Being her mentee has made me value the CPE Mentor and Mentee Program even more. This privilege has shown me what a mentor really is. A mentor is more than just someone to help me get into college. A mentor is a person with a kind personality and gentle soul. A mentor is unique, motivating and enthusiastic, open-minded, and supportive. A mentor is helpful and even shows their love in the smallest of ways.

This is the type of person Jessica is. She is always there when I need her and never fails to brighten my day. She's sweet and charismatic through her actions and her words. She makes me feel cared for and well looked after. She never ceases to encourage me. I appreciate the time we share and the relationship we have developed. Sometimes I wonder what my junior year would have been like without her. I honestly see her as one of the most influential person in my life during that time. She kept me on track of my work and on my feet when I felt overwhelmed with work and stressed from my personal life. She is like the sister I've never had and she helped me to strengthen the faith I had in myself. Every day I thank God for her involvement in my life.

She taught me life lessons, was there when I needed a listening ear, helped me stay focused in school, took me out to shop for my friend's senior prom, and did my hair. She is now assisting me in finding the college of my choice! I can't thank her enough! I just want her to know that she is the greatest at what she does, and I love the smile she puts on my face!"