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This we know . . .

All things

are connected.

Like the blood which unites one family.

All things are connected.

Whatever befalls the earth

befalls the sons of the earth.

Man did not weave the web of life.

He is merely a strand of it.

Whatever he does to the web

He does to himself.

-Chief Seattle



About EnvironMentors[®]



Founded in 1992, EnvironMentors is an environment-based mentoring program which provides high school students from underrepresented communities brighter futures through mentoring and development of scientifically-rigorous environmental research projects. EnvironMentors. *Vision* is that of young adult leaders from all cultural, ethnic, and socio-economic backgrounds protecting the environment through their chosen professions. We mentor and motivate high school students from under-resourced communities as they conduct scientific research and acquire skills that help them build careers and become more active stewards of their communities and the environment.

EnvironMentors is a vibrant and dynamic community including science and environmental professionals, faculty, and graduate students who serve as mentors, aspiring high school student-protégés, science teachers and DC school administrators, and many partner agencies, organizations, and businesses who support our work. We match science and environmental professionals, faculty, and graduate students with high school students in one-to-one and mentoring relationships. Students and mentors work together over the academic year to develop experimental science research projects on environmental topics of their own interests.

Student's work in EnvironMentors includes development of a Literature Review Research Paper, experimental research including multiple trials of data collection at designated study sites, teaching their project to an elementary school class, and presenting their project to a team of judges at the EnvironMentors Fair.

The season concludes each May with the gala EnvironMentors Awards Ceremony at which students who have excelled in the program receive scholarships to college. Two \$10,000 scholarships are awarded each year to deserving EnvironMentors students who meet ambitious criteria for participation in the program and who personally elect to pursue an environmental studies college degree program. EnvironMentors integrative approach to identifying pressing environmental issues through hands-on application of the scientific method supported by a mentor has proven beneficial for most all students and life changing for many.



EnvironMentor Laury Saligman, Conservation International, Veronica Johnson, NBC4 Broadcast Meteorologist, and Dr. Robert Stanton present Akintunde Akinola, Calvin Coolidge SHS a \$10,000 scholarship to study environmental science at North Carolina Agriculture and Technology Institute.



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