

**Community Relations Committee
COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 6, 2021**

Committee Members				Meeting Dates	
X	Michele Martineau - Chairperson	X	Matt Link	June 7, 2021	Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021
	Gale Husack - Co-Chair		Andrew Kern	Nov. 1, 2021	
	Michelle Heckman	X	Eric Hill		
	Robert Keegan				
X	Tania Stoker				

Also in attendance: Bob Vlasaty, Gary Fedorcha, James Schnyderite, Jill Chamberlain, Scott Pyne, Gene Marks, Tim Weaber, Jennifer Butz

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- ❑ Update on High School CFES - Brilliant Pathways Partnership
 - ❑ Mr. Vlasaty reported that they have had six mentor meetings with their scholars to date. The Lehigh mentors have been very supportive and encouraging speaking about being prepared, the application process, getting involved in many on-campus activities while maintaining and meeting academic expectations. Being Lehigh University students, you can imagine how busy they are and how rigorous that coursework is. There have been a total of six scholars taking advantage of this opportunity and plan to extend the invitation to 20 more students who have been recommended by our staff. Future plans include providing mentor training to our scholars to become mentors to the 7th and 8th grade students at middle school. We're looking to further establish mentor relationships with other colleges and businesses and are looking at participating in the CFES Early College Awareness Week that occurs in May, a week before the Keystone exams. It will consist of about 25-minute webinars during lunch where they'll have students who are

interested come to the library or to another large area where they can eat their lunch and access their laptop safely. There will also be some evening opportunities made available. We've recently received information regarding some training opportunities for the staff who may be interested in being college career advisors to the scholars.

Mrs. Martineau commented that prior to COVID, Mr. Vlasaty had some plans to talk to some of the graduates that had moved on to colleges, careers, and technical training. Might that return with the lessening of the pandemic restrictions?

- Mr. Vlasaty commented that it has not been forgotten and they still plan to do all the great things that they originally planned to do.

Mr. Link thanked Mr. Vlasaty and Mr. Hauser for the work they put into the program. He appreciates Lehigh University and CFES Brilliant Pathways.

Mrs. Martineau asked if there were any questions from the public. There were none.

Meeting closed at 6:19 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021, immediately following the Education/Policy Committee Meeting.