



SERVICE LEARNING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION

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COACHING4SUCESS: AN AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS AND ACADEMIC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

ABSTRACT:

This session will examine a partnership between the University of Georgia (UGA) and the Clarke County School District (CCSD) to establish an after-school academic and sports mentoring program. Initial strategies to tackle social-emotional skills, increase mentorship opportunities, and create more meaningful relationships between the community and the university will be shared. The session will explore considerations for, and initial reflections on, program design, launch, and implementation considering a variety of stakeholder perspectives.

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