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Outstanding Mentor/Mentee Matches Recognized

Three Mentor/Mentee matches honored during September 14, 2013 KSU football game

For the past five years Kansas State University's head football coach, Bill Snyder, and Nebraska's former head football coach, Tom Osborne, have engaged in a friendly wager to see which state, Kansas or Nebraska, could recruit the most new mentors during football season. In 2010 Kansas University's head football coach, Turner Gill joined the Challenge to encourage Kansans to help close the "mentoring gap". Collectively, Kansas State University and Kansas University make up "Team Kansas". This year's Challenge will be the most competitive to date as more states have joined in on the fun.

"Both on and off the football field, caring role models are making a tremendous difference in the lives of our young people," Snyder said. "That is what I ask every Kansan to join me in this Challenge by signing up to mentor a young person today."

The 2013 Coaches' Challenge runs from August 1 to November 30. The winning team will be announced the first week of December, 2013. Team Kansas is the reigning champion of the Challenge—winning the last five consecutive years!

In honor of the 6th Annual Coaches' Challenge mentoring programs across the state of Kansas nominated outstanding mentor/mentee matches to attend a KSU football game and participate in a recognition ceremony. The following mentors/mentees were honored during the September 14th KSU game:

- Harold Barnhart & Chris Dinkel- Formerly known as YouthFriends, Chanute, KS
- Kathy Pritchett & Kelsey Keller- MATCH: Mentor a Teen; Create Hope, Greensburg, KS
- Justin Peterson & Colten Clark- Academic Mentoring, Manhattan, KS

Kansas Mentors would like to congratulate all mentors/mentees who were nominated and selected for this honor.

Currently there are thousands of young Kansans, especially young males, in need of a caring role model. In as little as an hour a week, an individual can offer the support and guidance these young people need to succeed.

Interested Kansans can visit www.KansasMentors.org to learn more about mentoring and to connect with over 175 mentoring programs statewide.

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