

# Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP)

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# MVP Data Review

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## Mentors in Violence Prevention Students

- 2015/16 - 45 mentors (17 M; 28 F)
- 2016/17 - 88 mentors (35 M; 53 F)

## School Climate Analysis Fall 2016

- Iowa Youth Survey - I feel safe at school (61% 2014) (75% 2016)
- Gallop Poll Fall 2016 - 78%



# Angel Ramirez- Vice President

## **Why did I join?**

I began my journey in the MVP program as a “mentee” at my old school. I saw how much of an impact the students who mentored me made, so I wanted to do the same and be a role model.

## **Why is MVP important to me?**

MVP is important to me because I want everyone around me to feel safe and welcomed. The only way to do that is to teach the younger generation how to do that.

## **How does MVP work?**

Each week we have a scenario that obviously has some issues and/or conflicts. These scenarios have or could happen. We want to see how the younger students handle the situations and we simply give them tips and/or other strategies to handle them.

## **My Students**

I try to make sure my students know that I am here for them. I am not only a mentor to them, I am a friend. If they ever have any problems and they need help, I will try to the best of my ability to help. I am here for them.

Morgan Van Staaldaine - President

# Preparing Freshmen for the future.

- Scenarios are real life and happening everywhere
- Talk through different ways to handle each situation
- Might not see it now, but in the future.

## Kobe Sandoval - Reporter

“The scenarios that we talked about can happen in real life and being able to talk about them is a good thing.”

“I got to speak to people in school who I never thought I would speak to.”

“I really want to join next year.”

Beginning of the year:

- Did not want to participate much
- Were very quiet
- Sat with the same people each homeroom
- Didn't see the point

End of the year

- Fully engaged in scenarios
- Contributed to the scenarios
- Sat with different people
- Eager to join

## Nalicka Matthew - Historian

Leadership Training at MHS - Sept. 28

Leadership Summit at UNI - Oct 11

“From my experience as a mentor, it’s nice that my previous mentees who were Freshman last year still acknowledge me for my works as a mentor. When I’m walking in the hallways and I see some of my mentees, they give me a friendly smile because since I was with them for at least 5 months, I got to know a lot of the freshman girls individually. It wasn’t easy at first because it’s hard to get the Freshman to talk and I don’t want to put them on the spot if they don’t want to share their opinion but it’s worth teaching them what to do if they’re ever in a situation that they can’t get out of. Teaching them how to react to those situations is not only beneficial for them but for us mentors because we want them to choose the right decision.” -Nalicka



**Joseph Campbell once said “ *Our life evokes our character. You find out more about yourself as you go on. That is why it is good to put yourself in situations that will evoke your higher nature than your lower.*”**

- ❑ Last year and this year being involved in mentoring has made me better as a person
- ❑ As I grew it helped the students grow with me
- ❑ I built relationships with my freshman in such a way I find they still seek me for help

I definitely think that becoming a freshman mentor put me in a situation that helped evoke my higher nature.

**Veronica Daniel - Secretary**