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Fishers, Ind. – Fishers-based Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) will host its annual Mayor’s Breakfast to Benefit YMI, presented by Heartland Church, on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. The fundraising event directly benefits YMI’s mission to connect Hamilton Southeastern School District students with a volunteer mentor once a week.

The event will feature a panel discussion, moderated by Mayor Scott Fadness, on the role mentorship has played in the successes achieved by our panelists. Panelists include:

- **Chris Huppenthal:** Teacher and retired Hamilton Southeastern High School basketball and state championship coach
- **Bailee Poore:** Former HSE student and player for Coach Huppenthal
- **Justin Masterson:** Former professional baseball starting pitcher for the Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, and St. Louis Cardinals

“On behalf of the entire Board and staff, we are excited to bring together this panel to discuss mentorship at all levels,” remarked YMI Executive Director Brittany Rayburn. “Each of these individuals have been guided and impacted by mentors along their journeys of accomplishment and it’s our hope the morning will inspire others to see themselves in the role of mentor to one of our students.”

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor’s Breakfast to Benefit YMI will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 am at the Heritage Gardens at the Historic Ambassador House. As the largest annual fundraiser for YMI, all funds raised directly support connecting more Hamilton Southeastern students to a caring adult mentor. Tickets and sponsorships are still available [here](#).

Individuals interested in becoming a mentor for YMI may visit [ymionline.org/mentor](http://ymionline.org/mentor) for more information.

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### **About YMI**

Youth Mentoring Initiative is a Fishers, Ind.-based nonprofit that engages Hamilton Southeastern School students by nurturing positive relationships with a caring adult mentor to inspire future generations and build a better community. YMI provides mentoring for students by building and sustaining a mentoring community with the highest level of empathy, dependability, inspiration, inclusivity, and integrity. Learn more about becoming a mentor or recommending a prospective mentee at [ymionline.org](http://ymionline.org).