Creative Writing After-School Program
Forest Grove Community School

What do you get when you cross a chicken with a lawnmower? If you want to find out, join Creative Writing! Students at the Community School have limited access to creative writing yet need to develop their writing skills. The Creative Writing After-School Program provides a creative writing outlet for Level 4 students (grades 7 and 8) to improve their writing skills in a fun atmosphere, gain a greater appreciation for writing, and undergo personal growth through reflection. Long term goals include keeping students in school and preparing them for college. In addition, this program follows a mentoring philosophy and utilizes college students to serve as mentors to the Level 4 students. The mentors play a vital role in the mentees’ development by offering support and encouragement, as well as by being positive and reliable role models in the mentees’ lives. Mentors involved in the Creative Writing After-School Program have the opportunity to aid in planning, implementing, and running the program. You can help them develop their creativity and unique voice!

*Being listened to and heard is one of the greatest desires of the human heart.*

- Richard Carlson

**Ideal Mentor:** Committed mentors are ideal so they can “dedicate the necessary time to build a lasting and sustainable relationship.”

**Small Group Structure:** This program will allow mentors to work in small groups with mentees and to work one-on-one.

**Days and Times:** Mondays from 3:20pm to 4:30pm

**Commitment:** One day a week for 1 hour and 10 min per session for the Pacific’s entire academic school year.

**Volunteer Process:** The Community School briefly interviews its volunteers. Read the Forest Grove volunteer pamphlet. Background check recommended and administered by Pacific.

**Transportation:** It’s about a 5 minute walk from campus. Extremely far, you may want to drive ;)

**The Community School Address:** 1914 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove, OR

**Questions?** Contact Mentor Program Coordinator Amy Smetana at asmetana@pacificu.edu or drop by the Center for Civic Engagement, Scott 110.