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Employee Spotlight

University Police Department

My name is Mike Henry, um I'm a Sargent with the University of Virginia Police Department. I'm in charge of the forensics and evidence, as well as fleet maintenance. Um I've been in law enforcement since the late 90s. So, I've been around for a while. I worked in California before coming to Charlottesville with my family and settling in here. And uh it's just been a great experience at the University of Virginia. Um, I really feel like a part of a family here and uh got involved with LEC. Uh, it's my second year tutoring and uh it's been a great experience. Uh uh, it's been great to watch uh these kids develop and grow. And, um, it's just really been a positive aspect all around. This year, my student was Elijah. He was just a firecracker. He was so full of energy. There were times where it was just very challenging to get him to focus on just the reading rather than everything else that's going on around him. But, as we uh as we went uh started getting more and more rapport and it became easier and easier to kind of help him focus on his reading. And it seemed like he just was growing leaps and bounds. So, I think his reading skills really really benefited from this program. When you first get there, it's it's just always the reaction, oh somebody's in trouble. But as they get to know you as a person, they see you smiling, they speak, they see you talking to people, and they start to realize this isn't just some faceless police officer out to get somebody. This is just, this is this is Officer Mike. This is, you know, he's here to help people. He's here to read and he's here to help people learn. So, the relationship grew um for everybody as we went along.

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UPD Tutoring Program

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