

# Petra Scholé Classical Community Roles

## Mentors

A mentor is primarily a living embodiment of the wisdom and virtue which we are trying to nurture in our students. As such, a mentor will:

- Model love of the subject and unrushed learning with meaningful deep engagement of books, so that learning is memorable, enjoyable and permanent.
- Be prepared in class to lead the spirit of inquiry, pursue truth with humility, but not to have or give all the “right” answers.
- Approach their class with a spirit of humility and mutual respect where relationships can be cultivated and contributions from each person are valued.
- Provide meaningful assessments to help students and parents gauge academic progress and help ensure they are on the path to mastery.
- Prepare a syllabus for the year or semester that outlines clear expectations, deadlines, and assignments.
- Lead a liturgical pattern of learning to promote a focus on our faith, a predictable rhythm of learning and to find scholé (restfulness) in what we do in class.
- Communicate regularly with parents regarding student progress and expectations.
- Commit to continued training and self-education in order to grow in their abilities as a mentor.

## Parents

Parents are primarily in charge of their own homeschool and in guiding and assisting their student. As such a parent will:

- Give the final grade to their student for each class. They will receive feedback from assessments in order to assist them with grading.
- Communicate clearly to the mentor, prior to class starting, if they have different expectations of their student than what is laid out in the syllabus. A mentor will assume a student is expected to complete all work in the syllabus unless they hear from the parent of a different plan.
- Actively participate in their grammar student’s class either as a mentor, an assistant or as a model of engaged learning and supporting the authority of the mentor.
- Actively participate in their upper level student’s education by being present in class (encouraged but not required), overseeing homework, communicating with the mentor of special needs or concerns.
- Support the mentor in the classroom by working to encourage respectful and appropriate behavior in the classroom.
- Give assistance to their student at home as required, remembering that the parent, and not the mentor, is ultimately responsible for the student’s understanding.
- Commit to a willingness to learn new things alongside their student so they can engage their student in meaningful conversations. Assist their own student in being prepared for class each week.
- Pay required tuition and fees in a timely manner.

# Students

Students are the active participants in their own education. A classical education is a gift from not only their parents and mentors, but from the generations of Christian educators that have participated in the “Great Conversation” through the ages. As such a student will:

- Come to class ready to learn with humility and respect to their mentor, their fellow students, and their books.
- Prepare themselves for class by completing assigned work at home to the best of their ability and bringing all required materials to class each week. At the grammar level, students will be expected to participate fully in class, with outside assignments at the discretion of the parent. Upper Level students will be expected to complete assignments as outlined in the syllabus unless a parent has discussed a different path with the mentor.
- Ask questions of their mentor and their parents when they do not understand or are struggling with their work. It is ultimately the student’s responsibility to acknowledge when they are struggling and ask for the help they need.
- Participate fully in class discussion, projects and assignments, knowing that their own contribution is part of what will make the whole class successful.
- Conduct themselves with Christian standards of behavior in class as well as respect for the building, grounds and staff of Grace Evangelical Church, or anywhere else that the community meets together.