



## **Skolnik of Certilman Balin receives Excellence in Mentoring Award from the National Mentoring Partnership**

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Shown (from left) are: David Shapiro, MENTOR CEO; Fred Skolnik, Certilman Balin partner; Kristin Reed, director, corporate & employee giving at Genentech; Kenneth Ward, executive director, College Bound; and Nancy Altobello, MENTOR board chairman.

East Meadow, NY On January 30th at the Library of Congress, Fred Skolnik, a partner at Certilman Balin, received the Excellence in Mentoring Award from the National Mentoring Partnership in the category of Corporate Leadership. This recognition is given to an employee from a company listed on the National Corporate Honor Roll who both volunteers time as a youth mentor and mobilizes others to engage in the mentoring movement.

Skolnik is a member of the board of directors of MENTOR New York, which creates and supports mentoring programs throughout New York State. He also serves on the board of directors of Farmingdale College Foundation, which provides financial assistance, including scholarships, for Farmingdale State College programs and projects not funded by the New York State budget. He is a co-founder and the administrator of Lawyers Involved in Kids' Education (LIKE), a program that establishes mentoring relationships between attorneys and potentially "at-risk" elementary school students and seeks to develop analytical and vocabulary skills, confidence and self-esteem in the mentees through word and number games.

The National Mentoring Partnership is the unifying champion for quality youth mentoring in the United States. MENTOR's mission is to close the mentoring gap and ensure our nation's young people have the support they need through quality mentoring relationships to succeed at home, school, and ultimately, work. To achieve this, MENTOR collaborates with its network of affiliates and works to drive the investment of time and money into high-impact mentoring programs and advance quality mentoring through the development and delivery of standards, cutting-edge research, and state-of-the-art tools. Connect with MENTOR on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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