Third Graders Step it Up with Albright’s Xion Step Team

As part of the STAR Program—a program that rewards good behavior in the classroom—Albright’s Xion Step Team visited with third graders on Friday, February 27. In addition to a performance for the elementary students, the dancers picked students from the audience and taught them a few moves.

A special thank you to Fatimah Washington ’15 for organizing the Xion Step Team!

Community Partnership Fair a Success

Twenty-three community organizations came together in February for a Community Partnership Fair at 13th and Union Elementary School. Albright College VISTA Jasmine Clarke, who organized the event, said that planning this first fair opened her eyes to the importance of Albright connecting with the Reading community. “The families that attended received a great deal of information about organizations and programs that can help both parents and children grow,” Clark said. “I am looking forward to organizing the next fair this fall.”

Albright College was represented by the Gable Health Center, Schumo Center for Fitness and Well-Being, Center for the Arts, Early Learning Center, Admission Office, Accelerated Degree Programs and Summer Conferences. Other community groups included the PA State Police, Hispanic Center, Reading Fire Department, Re/Max of Reading and Grace Bible Fellowship Church.

Donations were provided by Giant and Weis Markets, Lowe’s, Wawa, Pizza Italia and the Albright Admission Office.
Field Trip to Albright’s Gingrich Library

During Albright’s Spring Break, fourth-grade students from 13th and Union Elementary took a field trip across the street to the Gingrich Library. The students learned about untrustworthy information on the Internet and how to check library references to make sure that the information they find is correct by using the C.A.R.P. test, which stands for Currency, Authority, Reliability and Purpose or Point of View. Each student also received a Bigfoot book to add to his or her own library collection!

A special thank you to Heidi Ziemer and the Library staff for a fun and informative field trip.

A Talk with the Cast of The Masque of Beauty and the Beast

Approximately 120 fifth graders recently visited the Albright campus to meet the cast of The Masque of Beauty and the Beast, a production presented by Albright’s Domino Players theatre group. Education Curator Beth Krumholz provided an introduction to the play, in which she explained the use of a mask and some of the reasons and art behind it. The Domino Players performed three scenes from the play. Afterward, they took time to explain and discuss their roles, costumes and make-up, and pose for a photo with each class. The Partnership thanks the cast members for their patience and inspiration.

Volunteer Spotlight: Caroline Endy ‘17

Caroline Endy ’17 of Wyomissing, Pa., is a chemistry major and Shirk Scholar.

In fall 2013, Endy completed training and received special clearances to begin work as a tutor with the Ready. Set. Read! program. “I immediately chose Ready. Set. Read!” she said. “I knew it was the perfect way to enjoy my volunteer hours.” Endy said that while she’s not an education major, she enjoys making reading an exciting activity for students and helping them to read better.

“My most memorable time happened with my first tutee,” she said. “Before every tutoring session, I typically choose a book to read hoping that the book peaks my student’s interest, before diving into the story that the student needs to practice during the week at school. One day, my student brought in a book of her own that she wanted to make time to read together. Her excitement to read a book of her choice with me made me feel like I had an influence on her. I have since realized that I am not just a tutor for these children. I believe that they also see me as a friend, someone who reads with them just for the fun of it.”

Endy has logged many hours as a tutor and is both faithful and diligent in her service. Thank you, Caroline Endy, for being an excellent volunteer!