

The Albright College and 13th and Union Elementary School Partnership began in 2004 as a Professional Development School Collaboration. In 2012, a grant was funded by the Wyomissing Foundation and the partnership was extended to all departments at the College.

Berks County Community Foundation Funds Special Project

A special project funded by the Berks County Community Foundation provided iPads for special education students. The foundation donated \$775, which enabled the partnership to purchase two iPads for use by the students of second and fifth grade special education teachers, Tanya Consugar and Elizabeth Whitehouse. The iPads enable Consugar and Whitehouse to choose apps that are related to the students' Individualized Education Programs, and students can then practice skills in a form that enhances their learning.

Albright College and 13th and Union Partnership Council

The Partnership Council, which governs the Albright College and 13th and Union Partnership, has met six times over the past school year. The council consists of Albright College faculty, staff, students and 13th and Union faculty. Thank you to the following council members for their hard work and guidance: Sue Shober, 13&U; Shannon Duff, 13&U; Samantha Frees, 13&U; Christa Mantz, Albright; Sue Seidenstricker, Ph.D., Albright; David Osgood, Ph.D., Albright; Beth Krumholz, Albright; Dorothea Miller, Albright; Margaret Brown, principal, 13&U; Paige Weitzel, vice principal, 13&U; and Andrea Chapdelaine, Ph.D., vice president and provost, Albright.

Made Possible by the Wyomissing Foundation

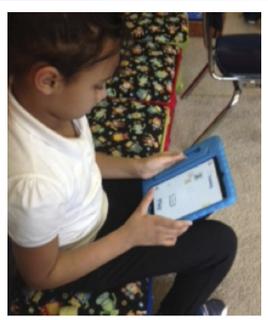
Often times when listening to PBS, you hear, "Made possible by..." Without the Wyomissing Foundation, the work of the partnership would not be possible. Thanks to their grant, students from 13th and Union were able to come to campus for various activities. Beth Krumholz, education curator with the Freedman Gallery, and the interns working in Albright's community garden, hosted second graders, while Professor David Osgood led fifth graders on a science field trip. The Attaining and Sustaining a Positive and Holistic Attitude for Learning (ASPHALT) Forest project continues to move forward and the Kindergarteners have grown in their literacy thanks to new iPads. In addition, English as a Second Language students have received support from the Homework Center and several Albright student tutors. Thank you to the following tutors: Thao Vu '16, Rachael Ahimbisibwe '16, Lanee Groce-Volinski '15, Emily Piket '16, Leah Williams '17, Jorge Avila Orozco '16 and Angela Cremer '17.

This summer, six art scholarships to the Albright College Summer Art Camp will be available as well. The partnership coordinator, who is paid by the foundation, will continue to write other grants for funding for other important projects.

Thank you to the Wyomissing Foundation for funding the Albright College and 13th and Union Elementary School Partnership!

Partnership Grant Applications

Attention faculty members: Please consider applying for a grant from the Albright College and 13th and Union Partnership. The application is short, but it must involve students and/or faculty from both schools. Dorothea Miller, grant coordinator, is available to assist.



"It keeps me paying attention. Math is my favorite!" - Jocelyn C., 8 yrs. old



"I like this one (sight words) because I am learning how to read." - Anthony H., 8 yrs. old

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Many Hands Make Light Work

Phi Mu Participates in First Albright Day of Caring - Members of the Phi Mu sorority loaned the ASPHALT Forest Project their muscle on April 5, 2014, for Albright College's first Day of Caring. Sixteen members went to the pond near the Albright Woods Apartments to shoulder rakes and push wheelbarrows around the pond and into the woods. Working diligently in spite of the cold and wind, the sisters cleared four tires and several bags of trash. Now that the area is clean, it can be used for field trips for students at 13th and Union.



Phi Mu is ready to clean-up the pond, stream and woods.

Benches Installed Thanks to Grant Funding - Thanks to a grant from the Kurr Foundation, benches were installed at the ASPHALT Forest pond sight in April by David Osgood, Ph.D., and David Tetreault. In the photo below, students from a 13th and Union fifth grade class enjoy a lesson taught by Osgood while sitting on the new benches.



Thank you, *Ready. Set. Read!* Tutors - During the 2013-14 school year, 21 Albright College students tutored in the United Way's *Ready. Set. Read!* program at 13th and Union. They tutored second and third graders in reading and comprehension. One of the second grade teachers, Mrs. Petersen, said, "My student has shown great improvement in comprehension and fluency." Many thanks to the tutors from the teachers and students at 13th and Union for dedicated service in the *Ready. Set. Read!* Program:

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| Caroline Endy '19 | Danielle DiLeo '17 | Mariella Romero '17 |
| Kathleen Lukens '17 | Victor Forte, Ph.D. | Mary Hartranft '15 |
| Kaitlyn Huizing '15 | Courtney O'Connell '15 | Benjamin Brooks '15 |
| Sophie Rivera '15 | Leah Williams '17 | Samantha Hoplock '17 |
| Alex Zernehel '14 | Julianne Lowenstein '17 | Stephanie Bohn '15 |
| Storey Haines '14 | Kelly Detweiler '14 | Breanna Slimmer '14 |
| Emilyann Bonanno '14 | Jennifer Dellinger '14 | Alissa Antonowicz '14 |

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