

# The Partnership

**The 13th Street Educational  
Partnership Newsletter**

**March 2021**



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# Volunteer Spotlight

This month's  
volunteer  
spotlight goes to

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**Italia - Karine**

**Masalla!**



**I**talia is a second-year student majoring in psychobiology. She relocated to Albright College from her hometown of Silver Spring, Maryland, leaving her family to further her education. Being the eldest of four siblings, she understands that every child requires undivided attention and resources to help them succeed academically. She made sure to provide that experience to them. Here is what she has to say on why she chooses to volunteer...

*" I choose to volunteer because I enjoy mentoring young minds and giving them the capacity to explore everything in their paths, but being away from home and the pandemic - I didn't know where to begin. Through the partnership, I was able to continue doing what I loved! My experience with the organization, specifically the students, has been extremely enriching. The volunteers and I see that the students leave each session with useful tips and tricks to help with schoolwork and vocabulary. I am beyond grateful for the illuminating partnership between Albright College and the Reading School District! "*

## Fun Fridays with Professor Ian Cost



**D**uring the month of February on Fun Friday's, Albright Biology Professor **Dr. Ian Cost**, provided educational and engaging bird lessons for the students at 12th and Marion. Dr. Cost presented a variety of birds found in North America and how certain features such as a bird's beak and feet help them build their habitats. Dr. Cost also shared with the students the many different types of eggs birds lay and how to differentiate between them by color, shape, and size. The students were then able to design their own bird, habitats, and eggs using the information Dr. Cost discussed in his lesson. The students enjoyed these Fun Fridays with Dr. Cost and hope to have him back in the future to talk about dinosaurs!



## Meet Our Teacher Facilitators Clara Worrall and Elisa Nanna

Clara and Elisa were hired at the end of January to help facilitate our after-school program at 12<sup>th</sup> and Marion Elementary School. Already being teachers at 12<sup>th</sup> and Marion, their presence in the virtual classroom has made a huge impact on the success of our program. Students have been attending the program more frequently and new students are joining it. The tutors are also benefitting from the addition of Clara and Elisa by now being able to check in and see what exact homework assignments the students need help with. Having them as facilitators has made our program consistent and sustainable.

### Clara Worrall



I have lived in Mount Penn for the last 18 years and I've worked for Reading School District for the past 13 years. This year I am a second grade content planner, which means I plan the asynchronous lessons for all the second graders in the district. I decided to become a teacher when working at a branch of the Reading Public Library. I really enjoyed interacting with groups of kids and especially sharing a passion for reading with them. During the past year, I have missed all the small interactions with my students. Teaching remotely has made me aware of how much those little moments become the relationships we have with kids. Working with the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Educational Partnership has allowed me to have opportunities to get to know the kids again. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family reading, gardening, and camping. My own three children are voracious readers and often are the source of ideas I bring to my classroom!

### Elisa Nanna



I am a recent university graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, certification in English Language Learner, and minor in Spanish. I have 100+ hours of experience in the areas of education as well as child care. My experience with children from a wide variety of backgrounds gives me the knowledge and skills to provide education that reaches each individual. For the past 3 years, I have worked as an ESL Resource Teacher for the Reading School District. During the pandemic it was difficult seeing all my students struggle from home and not being able to attend school in-person. Seeing their smiling faces in the classroom is always priceless. During my free time, I enjoy reading and helping out at my church whenever possible.

## Interested in Volunteering?!

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to get involved!

## Makin' Beats Project Development



VISTA Member, **Hector Echevarria**, is working with **North-east Middle School** to implement a digital music production after-school program. Through Google Classroom students who are at risk, academically, socially, emotionally or are English Language Learners, can learn to create their own digital music and beats. Each student will be able to identify and utilize the different processes involved in the making of digital production while simultaneously learning mathematical and scientific concepts as they relate to the creation of music. Concepts such as measures, time signatures, rhythms, value of notes and rests, fractions, patterns, and physical properties of sound. In the fall, the program shall transition to an in-person format using the STEM Lab at Northeast to build a mini studio where the students will acquire the knowledge to operate analog and digital systems. As part of the program, participating students will also have the opportunity to attend workshops and musical events on campus to enhance their understanding of music in all forms.

## Coming Up in April!

**Summer Activities**

**Plan for Fall 2021**

**Partnership Updates and more...**



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