

The Partnership

**The 13th Street Educational
Partnership Newsletter**

October 2020



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educating
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virtually.***

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's
volunteer
spotlight
goes to ...
**Carol
Beltran Del
Rio!**



Carol is currently a senior at Albright College majoring in Political Science and minoring in Legal Studies. She is a graduate of Muhlenberg School District, which makes her familiar with the area and the needs of the community. Carol is also fluent in both English and Spanish. Here is what she has to say on why she chooses to volunteer and how others can get involved ...

" I choose to volunteer because I love *interacting with the students* and helping wherever I'm needed. Being *bilingual* has also allowed me to interact and *help students* whose first language is not English. Others can *get involved* by signing up to tutor students remotely through the partnership. "

Fall Into Volunteering



On Friday, October 23rd the partnership along with the Center for Community Service and Engagement hosted its Fall into Volunteering event. At the event, 41 Albright students met with the team of both organizations and registered to be volunteers. Everyone in attendance wore a mask and practiced social distancing in order to maintain safety. Due to the event's success, the partnership will look to host a similar event for November.

The Partnership Advisory Council



The Partnership Advisory Council met for the very first time on Tuesday October 27th. In attendance were members of the Reading School District (*Angel Zimmerman, Samantha Frees*), Albright College (*Mark Dettlerline, Brian Jennings*), and the 13th Street Educational Partnership (*Deb Kopetsky, A.J. Merlino, Hector Echevarria*). Members discussed the partnership's program updates, short term goals, and long terms goals. One of the program updates included the Partnership's efforts in providing virtual tutoring to students in the district. The short term goals for the partnership were to fulfill the needs of the Reading School District and their search for bi-lingual volunteers to dub teaching lessons from English to Spanish. Lastly, members talked about some of the long term goals which were how the Partnership can expand its reach into the community and make the program sustainable, consistent, and impactful.

360 Tree Tours

Although the world is currently in a pandemic and most students are learning from home, it has not stopped the partnership from making students in the Reading School District feel as if they can still 'be' on Albright's campus. Using a 360 GoPro Max, the partnership's VISTA, Hector, and Albright biology professor, Dr. Andrew Samuelson, walked throughout the campus to video the different types of trees while Dr. Samuelson provided information on each one. Normally students from Northeast Middle School would visit the campus and walk around with Dr. Samuelson to learn about the trees, but by using the GoPro they can experience the lesson as well as the campus safely and virtually.



Coming Up in November

Don't Be a Turkey and Volunteer Event

Albright College Campus and Victory Garden Tours

Partnership Updates, Content Translations and more...



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