

The Partnership

**The 13th Street Educational
Partnership Newsletter**

January 2021



Albright Knight Line

*Check out how
our tutoring
program is
doing.*

Volunteer Spotlight

*Showcasing
appreciation to
our volunteers.*

United Way STAR Readers

*Providing
reading
support to
students.*

Volunteer Spotlight

This month's
volunteer
spotlight goes
to ...

**Damaris Reyes
Tejada !**



Damaris is a sophomore at Albright College and she is a Child and Family Studies major. In December, she was hired as a tutor translator with the 13th Street Educational Partnership. She has shown herself to be a great addition to the team. Damaris has dedicated her volunteer work to translating class materials from English to 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 want to help kids that are challenged by the English language. I want to provide the resources they deserve and make things easier for them when learning things at school".

United Way of Berks County: STAR Readers



The Partnership has begun working with the United Way of Berks County and their STAR Readers Program. As part of this collaboration, volunteers from the STAR Readers program will work with one or two 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade students to help them improve their reading skills. During a tutoring session, volunteer tutors work with students to reinforce reading skills, such as vocabulary, reading comprehension, etc. Tutors do this by reading with students, practicing 'sight words,' and completing other literacy activities as outlined by the student's teacher.

The Albright Knight Line



During the interim break, the Partnership successfully continued its virtual tutoring program with 12th and Marion Elementary School. Albright students are volunteering their time and helping the students at 12th and Marion with their assignments Monday - Friday from 3PM - 4PM. The Partnership is working closely with Albright Professors Mr. Mark Baldridge, Dr. Ian Cost, and Dr. Lisa Haines to provide educational and engaging experiences for the students on Fridays. Beginning in February Dr. Cost will share an activity with students on birds and their habitats. The partnership was able to hire Elisa Nanna and Clara Worrall to be the program's teacher facilitators. Adding Elisa and Clara will allow us to expand and strengthen the program. Our goal is to continue providing a strong connection between the partnership and the Reading School District.



Coming Up in February

*Fun Friday's with
Professor Ian Cost*

*Makin' Beats at
Northeast
New Project
Development*

*Partnership
Updates and
more...*



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