**Williams Center at Mt. Greylock**

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**What is it?**
Since 2008 the **Williams Center at Mt. Greylock** has engaged college students, professors, and resources throughout the Mt. Greylock curriculum and beyond. Williams students support Mt. Greylock students in writing, homework help, foreign languages, and science. Williams professors and Mt. Greylock teachers work together on special academic opportunities. The Center continues to pilot new ideas for college-school collaborations and to take advantage of special opportunities to enrich your student’s education.

**How will it enrich my students Mt. Greylock experience?**

**Williams Fellows Program at Greylock**
**Williams Fellows are Williams students who work with Mt. Greylock students to improve their writing and homework skills at Mt Greylock.** This help is offered during and after the school day.

- **Writing coaching and mentoring.** Williams Fellows serve as writing coaches and mentors in middle/high school English and academic support classrooms.
- **Girls’ after school-writing group.** Two Fellows lead a small group of seventh, eighth and ninth grade girls in creative writing projects that also serve as touch points for personal growth.
- **Middle school homework help.** Free after-school tutoring at Mt. Greylock for students in grades 7-9. Each week Greylock students receive homework support in all subject areas from Williams Fellows. Your student can sign up for this service with Sue Strizzi once the school year is underway.

**Academic Support at Williams and College Application Support**
**The Williams Center offers academic support in one-on-one tutoring and study groups.**

- **High school Tuesday evening tutoring.** Williams undergraduates run weekly one-on-one or small subject group sessions with Mt. Greylock students on the Williams campus. Your student can sign up with his or her guidance counselor for this program.
- **High school science study groups.** Sunday study groups are held on the Williams campus in AP chemistry, physics, and biology (depending on the offerings/need in any given year). Contact your student’s science teacher or Kaatje White if you’re interested.
- **Fee-based private tutoring options.** The Center maintains a list of private Williams undergraduate tutors for interested Greylock students and their families. The going rate for private tutoring is $15/hr. Tutoring sessions must take place in a public place on the Williams campus, and scheduling is arranged independently between families and tutor.
- **College essay coaching.** Williams students join experienced community members to provide one-on-one feedback online to Mt. Greylock seniors on their personal college essays.
- **College application camp (at MG).** Local college counselor and former Williams admission officer Beth Nesbitt offers a three-day program in June to juniors wishing to get a head start on the Common Application and their own college essays. Contact Beth at rnesbitt@roadrunner.com
The School Garden
Mt. Greylock students and staff from Mt Greylock and Williams plan and manage the school garden during the academic year. During the summer months, Williams student supervisors and Mt. Greylock student interns maintain the garden. The produce is harvested each fall for the school cafeteria. To help with the garden or fall garden party please contact Kaatje White.

Field Studies and Special Academic Programs
The Williams Center supports many “field studies”—one-day and short-format activities at Mt. Greylock, at Williams, and beyond. Past and ongoing field studies include:

- **AP chemistry and physics labs.** Held in Williams' own laboratories (alternating years with physics).
- **Astronomy.** Shawn Burdick’s astronomy class visited the Williams planetarium/telescopes.
- **BioEyes.** Professor Martha Marvin, Sue Strizzi, and Williams students collaborated to offer a genetic embryology/watershed lab in the 8th grade science class.
- **Experiential education.** Williams students in Professor Magnus Bernhardsson’s Modern Middle East course completed a class project by visiting 8th grade social studies to discuss Arab culture in the media. Williams students in Professor Susan Engel's Advanced Seminar in Teaching fulfill semester long internships in selected middle and high school classes.
- **Great Day of Service.** Each spring, Williams and Greylock students work together with Greylock faculty and staff, clearing brush, gardening, and removing trash as part of the college's Great Day of Service.
- **GreylockTalks.** Mt. Greylock's student council worked last year with the Center to invite five Williams faculty and staff to speak with Mt. Greylock students on Syria and the Middle East, coastal erosion and climate change, philosophy, Liberia, and travel and career choices.
- **Human Library.** AP English students attended the Human Library, a community understanding program at Williams.
- **In-class speakers.** Williams’ Chaplains Bilal Ansari and Rick Spalding visited a Mt. Greylock history class to discuss Muslim and Christian traditions in America; Williams Professor Leyla Rouhi visited English classes to discuss Persepolis and Modern Iran.
- **Mandarin independent study.** This 1-2 year elective, taught by Williams students under the guidance of the Williams’ Chinese department, is available to students who have completed their high school language requirement.
- **MathBlast.** These hands-on math workshops for all Greylock 10th graders and their teachers are taught at Williams each year by professors in Williams math and statistics departments.
- **SpeakFree.** Williams student poets offered workshops in high school poetry classes.
- **Tech field trip.** Students in Richard Scullin’s tech enrichment class were offered a close look at the college’s 3-D printer.
- **Spanish lunch.** Williams students offer a weekly high school Spanish language table at Mt. Greylock's cafeteria. (Your student can sign up with his or her Spanish teacher.)
- **'62 CenterSeries workshops.** Internationally acclaimed guest performers visit Mt. Greylock as part of their Williams College residencies, and Mt. Greylock attend free CenterSeries events at the college. This past year, Alvin Ailey and Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo offered dance workshops at Mt. Greylock. Mt. Greylock English and Theater students attended The Tiger Lilies, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, and Cabaret.

Please feel free to contact us to learn more about the Williams Center at Mt. Greylock and to help us think of new ways to engage Williams students, faculty, and resources to enrich your student’s Mt. Greylock education.