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What is it?

Since 2008, the *Williams Center at Mt. Greylock* (WC) has engaged college students, professors and resources throughout the Mt. Greylock curriculum and beyond. Williams students support Mt. Greylock students during the school day in writing, foreign languages, math, science, history and academic support. Increasingly, Williams students play the role of special enrichment group mentors or coaches. Williams professors and Mt. Greylock faculty also have the opportunity to work together on academic programs and curriculum. WC continues to pilot new ideas for college-school collaborations, offering special opportunities to enrich your student's education.

How will WC enrich my student's Mt. Greylock experience?

Williams Fellows Program

- **Writing Fellows & Student Support Fellows Program:** Williams students support writing in selected middle and high school English classes through one-on-one dialogue and revision-based editing. Student Support Fellows work in academic support classrooms with high school students who benefit from extra assistance beyond the traditional classroom. **Coordinator: Jessica Dils**
- **After-school Homework Help:** Free after-school homework help is available for students in grades 7-9. Williams Fellows work one-on-one or in small subject groups with students on homework and study skills. This program is offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. **Coordinator: Marty Walter**

Co-Curriculars and Additional Academic Support

These special groups are led by Williams Fellows who offer expertise and engage MG students in learning beyond the classroom on a weekly basis. These opportunities are free of charge unless noted. Organizing and sustaining these groups is dependent on scheduling and student interest each year. 2017 - '18 groups include:

- **High school Sunday evening tutoring** - Williams Fellows run weekly one-on-one or small group sessions with Mt. Greylock students on the Williams campus for subject specific assistance. A student can sign up with his or her guidance counselor for this program.
- **Fee-based private tutoring options** - WC maintains a list of private Williams undergraduate tutors. The current rate for private tutoring is \$15/hr. Tutoring sessions must take place in a public place on the Williams campus. Payment and scheduling is arranged independently between families and tutors.
- **College essay coaching** - Williams students join experienced community members to provide free one-on-one online feedback to Mt. Greylock seniors on their personal college essays. Contact guidance or Jessica Dils for more information about this service.
- **Drop-in and Play** - Fellows are available in the school library from 4:00 - 5:00 pm after middle school tutoring for games, mentoring and additional homework support.
- **Ephs Out Loud** - Williams music students offer weekly instrumental and voice lessons to beginning and intermediate MG students who are *not* taking classes privately outside of school. Lessons will take place one day a week after school and on Sunday afternoons at Williams. Specific instruments are subject to availability of Williams instructors.
- **Leaders in Technology (Lit.io)** - After-school technology/coding pilot program.
- **Middle and High School After-School Writing** - Williams students lead MG students in mentor/peer-supported writing activities and projects.
- **Model United Nation (MUN)** - This group meets on Sunday afternoons at Williams.
- **Outing Club** - Williams students organize informal outdoor games and explorations from 4:00 - 5:00 pm for middle school students.

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. Highlights include:

- Workshops held in collaboration with the **'62 Center** - wherein internationally acclaimed guest performers visit the school as part of their residencies at the college, and students attend Center Series events free of charge.
- **ScienceBlast** - A morning of out-of-the box, hands-on science workshops at Williams for all 11th grade students in May. Workshops are led by Williams math and statistics faculty.
- **ArtsBlast**- A morning of art and performance making in the spring for all 8th graders with Williams student instructors and an afternoon of games with the Williams Outing Club.
- **GreylockTalks** - A monthly speaker series run by MG student leaders in collaboration with the Williams Center and Willinet wherein professors and community members present short talks on current topics ranging from politics to science to art.
- **StoryTime @ MG** - A quarterly collaboration between the Williams Center, the Williams StoryBoard, Willinet and the MG middle

school wherein Williams students present diverse life experiences from their own unique opportunities and challenges.

- **Spanish Immersion** - AP Spanish students visit Williams for a morning of conversation and games with Spanish TAs and Williams students. Williams students also engage in the classroom for conversation practice and cultural exposure.
- **College Essay workshops** - for 11th graders with Abby Conyers from the Williams admission office.
- **Topics in AP Physics** - for AP physics. Members of the Williams physics department visit AP physics classes at Mt Greylock for lab experiences.

Please contact Kaatje White (kwhite@williams.edu) for more specific information or to share ideas and questions. Look for WC happenings and fall schedules in your weekly MG Update and on the school website. All WC programming will begin the week of October 2 unless otherwise announced.
Enjoy a wonderful start to the new school year!