Between The Lines

The Catholic University of America’s DC Reads Newsletter

With nearly 140 tutors working at eight different sites throughout NE and NW Washington, DC, Catholic University has continued to show its commitment to community service and desire to improve the area in which we live. We are thrilled to announce that our tutors are working Monday through Thursday until 8 PM, as well as committing their Saturday mornings and afternoons to the program.

We are grateful for our continued partnerships with: Beacon House, Brookland Elementary, CentroNia, FLOC, Heads Up, Higher Achievement, LaSalle Elementary, and St. Anthony’s Catholic School. The cooperation between the site supervisors, team leaders, tutors, and Campus Ministry staff has continued to be outstanding.

The snow days have been frustrating for everyone, as lots of tutoring time was missed. The melting snow outside assures us that spring is coming and (hopefully) the worst of the winter weather is over. Thank you for your patience with the winter weather!

With midterm week almost through, we would also like to thank you for keeping up with your commitment to DC Reads. The program is not possible without the dedication and hard-work of all semester, there have been no major attendance problems! That is a great portrayal of your devotion to your students.

Although the most important work is obviously the tutoring, we would also like to recognize the Team Leaders. These students are responsible for arranging van or metro transportation, keeping track of attendance, and communicating with Campus Ministry staff, all on top of tutoring!

It’s difficult to balance a social life, schoolwork, DC Reads, and your many other obligations, and we would like to thank you for your hard work so far, and hope that it stays so positive.

Keep up the good work!

- Saleem Hue Penny and Emmjolee Mendoza,
  CUA DC Reads Program Coordinators
Several times a month you received an email naming the Star Tutors. These are students who have gone above and beyond their responsibilities as tutors and should be recognized for their hard work and outstanding effort. When asked about why they take part in DC Reads, their strategies, and favorite parts of the program, they responded...

Chris Buie  
St. Anthony’s

I think the best part of tutoring is watching someone learn. Most of the time, you can tell that they are doing the work just because they have to. But, sometimes, you can see a glint in their eye as they get interested in something they never knew before. — I try to inspire my student, but I think more often that he inspires me. Watching him study, I am reminded that we are privileged to have the opportunity to learn.

Juliana Aquaro  
St. Anthony’s

I enjoy laughing with the students the most because it makes me feel good to know that they are not only learning, but also enjoying the time that we spend together. — I bought a deck of "Batman Uno Cards" and my students (all boys) love them. Everyday they ask me if I brought the cards and they are always motivated to do their work so that they can play with the cards.

Marissa Halat  
St. Anthony’s

I decided to tutor for DC Reads because I thought that working closely with a small group of students for the entire year was the best way to make a difference through volunteering. You build a relationship with these kids, for better or for worse, and that is so important when you're trying to get them to do something they don't want to do. I love when something that I say or do clicks with one of the kids, and they understand the concept they've been trying for.

Star Tutors

Jonathan Abbamonte
Theresa Abellon
Juliana Aquaro
Chris Buie
Justin Caliguri
Jonathan Cartagena
Robert Corr
Daniel Coyle
Kelsey Flynn
Marissa Halat
Jonathan Jerome
Rachel Kinsman
Ghassan Kraytem
Ryan Mullen
Ryan Multer
DC Reads Workshops!

Each semester, you are required to attend a Team Leader Workshop. There are only three left for the semester so please be sure to plan your time accordingly! Watch out for an Evite from Emmjolee as they get closer! Don’t forget to RSVP!

Wednesday, March 21 at 8 PM  
Tuesday, April 17 at 8:30 PM  
Wednesday, April 25 at 8 PM

With the recent brush with bad weather, please make sure that you check to see if your site is cancelled or if tutoring is still planned! You should have received a copy of the DC Reads Snow Policy from your Team Leader and should also receive an email from them when site is cancelled.

Please make sure to pick up your checks from Campus Ministry! Payday was on February 23. Even if you have direct deposit, please be sure to pick up your pay stubs! If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit, just stop by the Payroll Office in Leahy Hall.
Who Said Learning Can’t Be Fun?
Here are some activities to try with your student!

Laughing and Learning

Q: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
A: Spring-Time!

Q: Why is the letter A like a flower?
A: Because a BEE comes after it!

Q: Can February March?
A: No, but April May!

Q: What kind of flowers grow on your face?
A: Tulips (Two-lips)!

Down:
1—They return every spring
3—The weather is ___ in spring
5—These bring May flowers
6—Wedding month
8—Game on a diamond
10—Lilacs and tulips
12—Not cloudy
13—A lion of a lamb
16—Baby leaves

Across:
2—Early bloomer
3—It brings the rain
4—This keeps you dry
7—Season after winter
9—Yellow flower
11—Colorful arc
14—Month for mothers
15—Red-breasted worm eater
17—Good for splashing in