

Michigan Campus Compact Member Highlight



Ever thought it'd be great to be in 6th grade again? Well Alpha Phi Omega at Albion College decided that we'd give it a try! We have "adopted" the 6th grade at Washington Gardener Middle School in Albion sending college students to mentor, tutor, and to be kids again. With 32 college students volunteering an hour per week (or more) each of the five 6th grade classrooms has a student each day of the week.

Through our efforts we hope to help struggling students excel, ease the burden on teachers, and form lasting relationships for kids in need of good role models and encouragement. So far the college students return with stories of their exploits, teaching fractions, helping out in gym class, and even providing object lessons about college life. The enthusiasm of the kids and teachers keep us coming back and we hope to become more involved as special events and field trips take place.

Currently we plan to have a field day on campus November 5th, inviting the entire 6th grade to take a day on campus. We also plan to bring smaller groups to experience college laboratories, theatrical productions, and sporting events. Our long term goal includes plans for grant solicitation from MCC for a common reading experience and field trip to a professional production of "Tom Sawyer." For now we are content to teach, listen, learn, and most importantly to value the students we interact with - providing positive feedback and just having fun together.

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