



2012-2013 *Literacy Alive!* Premier Projects

Liberty University

Pi Sigma Chapter

Books and Balls

The Pi Sigma chapter partnered with student athletes to share the importance of education in their lives. The athletes read stories at a local elementary school and shared how education impacted their sporting careers. The chapter also invited student athletes from a local high school to read and work with the elementary students as well.

Gannon University

Phi Zeta Chapter

Growing Readers

Members of Phi Zeta created literacy bags to give to new parents. Each literacy bag included an information brochure (created by KDP members), at least two children's books appropriate for infants, pamphlets related to literacy from various community services (including library, women's center), and a variety of small gifts and coupons donated by the community (local businesses). In addition to the bags, the KDP members developed training workshops. At each workshop, KDP members shared research about early literacy, explained the impact of oral language development, and showed video clips of a mother implementing the suggested activities to advance oral language and literacy skills with her infant. These workshops were done in a more informal discussion-based manner.

Judson University

Alpha Epsilon Chi Chapter

Lakewood Goes to College

Lakewood Goes to College allowed students to be on the campus of a college or university, many for the first time. Students, in small groups, toured Judson's campus with a JU Admission's Counselor. Coming back together, students listened to "The Magic Hat," performed by a KDP member. A short discussion ensued about the "magic hat," a mortar board worn at graduation, and the privileges that go with this hat and gown! One student modeled the hat and gown. Next, the students were divided into groups and heard presentations from Judson faculty and students highlighting the extra-curricular activities in music, theater, athletics, student government, and dorm life. Following a break for lunch, students were divided into smaller groups to listen to Dear Mr. Falkner, read by KDP members, and discuss the importance of persevering through difficult tasks.

Penn State Altoona

Alpha Epsilon Pi Chapter

Worldwide Book Drive

The chapter partnered with a local Boy Scout Troop to collect at least 1,200 books. Over 300 flyers were distributed around the community. When the books were received they had to be sorted into categories for distribution. Three large sorting sessions were coordinated with over 60 volunteers present at each. The chapter helped to load the books into a U-Haul and ended up collecting over 7,150 books, well over their initial goal!