

# The Citizens' Press

*...Be The Change*

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## Mentoring

The College Community Mentoring Program (CCMP) matches UNE student volunteers with local children Pre-K through 8th grade. The number of mentors has more than doubled since December to 61.

Currently mentors are also working with 4 first time non-violent juvenile offenders through the Diversion to Assets (D2A) Program.

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## Student Leader Spotlight: Brian Jones



Major: Sports Management/  
Elementary Ed

Interests: Coaching basketball, spending time with family and friends.

"I enjoy tutoring because I love helping out younger students succeed in the classroom. I know some students have different challenges or lack confidence in different subjects, but I take pride in being someone that they respect and who can motivate them."

## America Reads America Counts

In our newly added partner school, Biddeford Primary, tutors are working hard in 10 different classrooms! Tutors spend about 8 hours per week with public school students working mainly on math and literacy skills.

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## College Aspirations

As the pilot semester of the College Aspirations Mentoring Program gets underway, there are two mentors working with students at Old Orchard Beach High as well as a structured program at Loranger Middle School for 6 sixth graders.

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Cassie Smith with children at Grand Fond Primary School in Dominica.

## Global Citizenship

In January, students travelled with Dr. Tom Klak and Theo Dunfey to Dominica. In this Caribbean Sustainable Development course students explored the ecosystems of the island while fulfilling their Citizenship requirement. Students engaged with Dominican partners working to achieve sustainable development, and volunteered with local schools, farmers, and community organizers.

UNE's Office of Citizenship houses the College Community Mentoring Program, the Diversion to Assets Program, the America Reads/America Counts Tutoring Program, and the new College Aspirations Program. The Office serves the needs of students enrolled in the Citizenship Senior Seminar and works with students to identify involvement opportunities in the community. It is overseen by Faculty Coordinator Professor Samuel McReynolds and Administrative Coordinator Theo Dunfey.

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