

# The Citizens' Press

*...Be The Change*

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## Mentoring

The College Community Mentoring Program placed more than 70 UNE mentors in 12 local schools this year. Mentors volunteered one to eight hours per week with students from the Kennebunks to OOB. Depending on interest and availability, mentors found themselves in either 1:1 or full-classroom placements with their mentees, whose ages ranged from preschool through eleventh grade. We look forward to engaging more UNE students in this rewarding opportunity!

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## Student Leader Spotlight: All Program Participants!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!  
The Citizenship Office Staff would like to thank all of the mentors, tutors, and citizenship students that dedicated hundreds of service hours to local organizations and public schools in the York County Area! Your energy makes a difference in the lives of others and fosters a community of caring and compassion here at UNE!

Nearing graduation, senior Jillian Donovan reflected, "I've had such a great time mentoring this year and it's one of the things I'll miss most about leaving UNE."

## America Reads America Counts

We are so proud of the 16 tutors who finished up the year with us! Tutors spent time in 24 different classrooms working mainly on math and literacy skills. Together tutors worked 1,900 hours this year serving 640 public school children.

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## College Aspirations

This year I had the pleasure of piloting a College Aspirations Mentoring Group for 6 sixth graders at Loranger Middle School. We discussed self-esteem, career choice, college life, study habits, and more! The students all reported that they found the program extremely beneficial and have a better understanding of how hard they'll need to work to reach their goals. This was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life and I encourage you to get involved! ~Asia

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Top: A mentor and his mentee. Bottom: 6th grade student with their college aspirations awards at Loranger Middle School

## Citizenship

This year the 337 students who were enrolled in CIT 400 volunteered at least 15 hours each at over 100 different civic engagement sites for a total of 5,500 service hours. In addition 65 students contributed about 1,600 hours in 4 countries through Global Citizenship. Not only have these students helped community organizations directly, they've helped UNE fulfill its commitment to the quality of life of the communities it serves! Great job students!

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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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