



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HCCGE wants to thank all community partners for their dedication and service to the community! Working with more than 35 organizations during the 2021-2022 school year, students completed more than 19,000 service hours. From community festivals, educational and sustainability opportunities, mission trips, wellness fairs, service-learning courses, and much more, Alvernia students were able to engage in service and experience our Franciscan core values after being halted during the pandemic.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM



Kayleen Torres, Holleran Center Graduate Assistant

The Foster Grandparent Program would like to congratulate FGP work study **Kayleen Torres** on graduating from Alvernia University! Kayleen had the opportunity to work closely with over 35 Foster Grandparent Program volunteers

as they help children in the community develop the academic and life skills that are critical to their development and future successes. The FGP program is also excited to share that Kayleen will be joining the Holleran Center as the Graduate Assistant to continue assisting the Foster Grandparent Program and community engagement!

SERVICE-LEARNING

During the spring semester, **Dr. Jodi Radosh's COM 240: Public Relations** and 2 sections of **COM 220: Event Planning**



AU COM students at "Hats Off to Organ Donors" event.

service-learning classes teamed up with **Gift of Life** to take part in the **College Competition Challenge** to create awareness about organ donation. These Alvernia student won first place in the competition over 18 other colleges! The students made a **video** and held Organ Donation Awareness events on the main campus, College Towne, and in the community.

READING COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS

This month, the RCSP program had a graduation celebration for 7 of our graduating scholars! Congratulations to **Amie, Davilania, Joel, Julissa, Kayleen, Maria** and **Viviana!**



Graduating scholars among undergraduate scholars, alum Kirsy Rosario and RCSP Program Manager Courtney Bieber

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

In May, the Office of Career Development celebrated the graduation of four student staff members. Their absence will surely be felt, but they are going to accomplish great things.

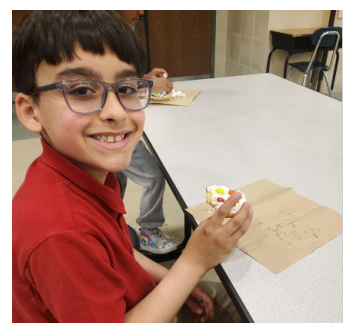


Megan Adukaitis (Director), Kat Demaisip (MSOT graduate and Head Peer Career Specialist), and Marley Kropp (Assistant Director)

In the 2021-2022 academic year, the Career staff facilitated 771 student interactions across 62 programs, which included attendance at employer events, workshops, career fairs, and alumni mock interviews. Professional and student staff completed 262 career coaching appointments, and the most common appointment topics were resume reviews (122), general career coaching (45) and job/internship search strategies (34). We look forward to a summer of planning and preparing for 2022-2023.

READING YOUTH INITIATIVE

The RYI Program ended for the school year on May 5 serving over 100 students from elementary to middle school. Reading students celebrated their hard work by making their own pinatas and decorating cookies for a special snack.



Reading student decorating cookies at end of year celebration.

RYI employees volunteered their time to help with the **Millmont Carnival** on May 6. The annual carnival is a



RYI Student Leader, Kirsten Lake, with therapy dog at Millmont Carnival.

big fundraiser for Millmont and even though the weather did not cooperate the event went on inside. RYI employees all agree the therapy dog was a great addition to the Carnival. RYI is currently gearing up for Reading's summer camp which begins June 20. **Reading Science Center, Reading Public Library, Yocum Institute**, and other community

members will partner with RYI to bring experiential learning to the students.