



LILAC | Civic Engagement

*Spotlight on
College Access &
College Readiness
Programs*

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Civic Engagement Overview

LILAC | Civic Engagement collaborates with community-based organizations to prepare students to be socially responsible leaders and citizens through purposeful **action, reflection, and learning.** We offer curricular and co-curricular opportunities.

Our Core Values

Community Partnerships

- We seek long-term reciprocal community partnerships
- The median length of our partnerships is 8+ years
(ACT Tutoring = 17 years)

Student & Community Needs

- We are mindful of the capacity of both our students and community partners
 - Time, funding, energy, skills, structural support

Co-Curricular Programs in 2015-16

Social Services

Tax Preparation

- VITA

Saturdays of Service

- Community Arts
- Homelessness
- Food Insecurity
- Environmental Cleanup and Beautification
- Engaging Senior Citizens in the community

Advocacy

- Immigrant and Refugee Rights
- Economic Justice
- LGBTQT Rights
- Public Health
- Reproductive Rights

BMC Community Garden

- Environmental Sustainability

Co-Curricular Programs in 2015-16

K-12 Programs

Tutoring & Mentoring:

- ACT/Parkway West Tutoring
- ACLAMO After-School Program
- Belmont Mentoring
- Bryn Mawr Buddies

College Access:

- SAT Prep at Parkway West
- ACLAMO Adelante

Student Coordinator Model

Each co-curricular program has 2 student coordinators

- Recruit and train volunteers
 - All K-12 volunteers receive training before they begin their volunteer service
- Manage the logistics
 - Transportation, clearances, etc.

Meet for weekly supervision with LILACICE supervisor

Adelante

Quick Facts:

- **What:** STEM-based College Readiness Program for 7th & 8th graders in Norristown area
- **Where:** Partnered with ACLAMO Family Center in Norristown, PA
- **When:** year-long (October - May) program on Saturday morning from 10 - 12 and additional weekly planning meetings
- **Transportation:** BMC van (student drivers)

ACLAMO Partnership

Multi-faceted Partnership

After-school Volunteer program,
Curricular placements, community-
based work study placements, etc.

Adelante was created in
partnership with ACLAMO by a
LILACICE Americorp VISTA

Adelante Program Information

- Just completed our 3rd year
 - 2015-16 was a transition year to student coordinator led model
 - Have regular check-ins with ACLAM0 Exec. Director
 - 15 7th & 8th graders in the cohort
- **Volunteers**
 - apply in the fall - only accept 5 plus our 2 student coordinators
 - develop mentoring relationships with the middle school students
- **Curriculum**
 - STEM enrichment, personal development and college readiness
 - Includes STEM workshops and field trips to BMC
- **Utilize BMC resources**
 - Workshops with Admissions staff, BMC faculty and STEM-based student clubs

Adelante - Next Steps

- Transition to High School Program
 - 2nd Summer Academy, 1 week summer camp at BMC
 - Working with ACLAMO to supplement enrichment activities for High School students

Parkway West SAT Prep Program

Quick Facts:

What:

SAT Prep Volunteer Program (pilot program in Spring 2016)

Where:

Partner with Parkway West High School in Philadelphia

When:

Semester-long program on Monday and/or Thursday afternoon from 3 - 4pm

Transportation:

BMC van

Parkway West Partnership

Longstanding Partnership

Math clubs, math tutoring,
identity clubs, college mentoring,
student teaching placements

Identified SAT Prep as a need in spring of 2015

Launched a pilot in Spring of 2016

SAT Prep Program Information

- The College Board has partnered with Khan Academy to create an online SAT prep tutorial.
- We have 2 student coordinators and 10 volunteers
- Our BMC volunteers guide and coach Parkway West High School Juniors and Seniors through the tutorial.
- The program culminates in a full-length practice SAT at BMC, followed by a campus tour and lunch

SAT Prep Volunteer Training

- 2 sessions
- College Board staff led one session
 - SAT/Khan Academy Overview
 - SAT changes
 - College Board & Khan resources
- Student coordinators led session on our specific program requirements
 - General expectations of volunteers
 - Role Play scenarios

Typical SAT Prep Session

- One-on-one coaching through Khan Academy SAT Tutorial
- Individualized online program
 - This involves practicing questions, watching videos, reading hints, etc.
- Mentoring

SAT Prep- Next Steps

- Expand to semester long programs in Fall and Spring
- Seniors in the fall, Juniors in the spring
- Working with the school guidance counselor to increase enrollment in the program



Best Practices

- Partnerships
- Training
- Reflection
- Collaboration
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