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### What is it?

Since 2008, the [Williams Center at Mt. Greylock](#) (WC) has engaged college students, professors and resources throughout the Mt. Greylock curriculum and beyond. Williams students support Mt. Greylock students during the school day in writing, foreign languages, math, science, history and academic support. Outside of the classroom, these mentors play the role of special enrichment group leaders and coaches inspiring MG students with ideas and experiences that bring new opportunities to our community.

### How will WC enrich my student's Mt. Greylock experience?

#### Williams Fellows Program

- **Writing Fellows & Student Support Fellows Program:** Williams students support writing in selected middle and high school English classes through one-on-one dialogue and revision-based editing. Student Support Fellows work in academic support classrooms with high school students who benefit from extra assistance beyond the traditional classroom. **Coordinator: Jessica Dils**
- **Other Classroom Fellows:** Williams students also assist from time to time in other academic classrooms. These are often upperclass students who have an express desire to teach after Williams and are looking for mentoring and hands-on experience. Students also serve their practicum at MG if they are taking classes through the Williams Program in Teaching.
- **After-school Homework Help@MG:** Free after-school homework help is available for students in grades 7-9. Williams Fellows work one-on-one or in small subject groups with students on homework and study skills. This program is offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:30 - 4:00 pm. **Coordinator: Marty Walter**

#### Co-Curriculars and Additional Academic Support

Williams Fellows offer their expertise by leading these special groups to engage MG students in learning beyond the classroom on a weekly basis. These opportunities are free of charge unless noted. Organizing and sustaining these groups is dependent on scheduling and student interest each year. 2019 - '20 groups include:

- **Free high school Sunday evening tutoring** - Williams Fellows run weekly one-on-one or small group sessions with Mt. Greylock students on the Williams campus for subject-specific assistance. A student can sign up with his or her guidance counselor for this program.

- **Fee-based private tutoring options** - WC maintains a list of private Williams undergraduate tutors. The current rate for private tutoring is \$20/hr. Tutoring sessions must take place in a public place on the Williams campus. Payment and scheduling are arranged independently between families and tutors.
- **College essay coaching** - Williams students join experienced community members to provide free, one-on-one online feedback to Mt. Greylock seniors on their personal college essays. **Contact guidance or Jessica Dils for more information about this service.**
- **Ephs Out Loud** - Williams music students offer weekly fee-based instrumental and voice lessons to beginning and intermediate MG students. Lessons take place on Sunday afternoons at Williams. **Specific instrumental lessons are dependent on the availability of Williams instructors each year.** The current rate for private music lessons is \$20 per ½ hr. lesson.
- **Kids Who Code** - Williams students and MG teachers run this weekday after-school technology/coding program. 2019 day of week schedule TBA.
- **Middle and High School After-School Writing** - Williams students lead MG students in mentor/peer-supported writing activities and projects. 2019 day of week schedule TBA. **Advisor: Liza Barrett**
- **Model United Nation (MUN)** - Williams students lead a group of middle and high school students in this program. The group meets on Sunday afternoons at Williams. **Advisor: Rebecca Tucker-Smith and Hilary Greene.**

## Field Studies and Special Academic Programs

The Williams Center supports many “field studies”—one-day and short-format activities at Mt. Greylock, at Williams, and beyond. Highlights include:

- Workshops held in collaboration with the **'62 Center** - wherein internationally acclaimed guest performers visit the school as part of their residencies at the college, and students attend Center Series events free of charge.
- **ScienceBlast** - A morning of out-of-the box, hands-on science workshops at Williams for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in May. Workshops are led by Williams science and math faculty.
- **GreylockTalks** - A monthly speaker series run by MG student leaders in collaboration with the Williams Center and WilliNet wherein professors and community members present short talks on current topics ranging from science to politics to art.
- **StoryTime @ MG** - A quarterly collaboration between the Williams Center, the Williams StoryBoard, Willinet and the MG middle school wherein Williams students present diverse personal stories from their own unique life experiences and challenges.
- **Topics in Science** - Members of the Williams science department visit middle and high school science classes for presentations and lab experiences.
- **Language and Cultural Exchange** - Native Spanish speakers from Williams visit Spanish classes to practice conversation and to share aspects of their culture with MG students.
- **Community Building** - Williams student social entrepreneurs meet weekly during the fall semester with ninth-grade students and the MG Peer Team to help strengthen the MG community by helping students design innovative solutions to social challenges at the school.

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*Enjoy a wonderful start to the new school year!*