

VOA will partner with King's on Learning Works Program

The local chapter of Volunteers of America has launched Learning Works, a new after-school program that is helping more than 100 Wilkes-Barre Area School District students from low income families. The innovative program is designed to teach skills that lead to school success, present a variety of career paths, provide a "hands-on" work opportunity, and help families prepare their children for high school and beyond.

Once a week from January through May, 33 local middle school students, called "Learning Workers," spend an afternoon on King's campus, where student volunteers tutor and mentor them on a one-to-one basis. Mentors and their assigned Learning Workers end the session by eating dinner together in the Campus Center.

Volunteers of America has two full-time "Learning Coaches" and a graduate intern who conduct regular home visits. Certified teachers, one of whom is bi-lingual, and coaches provide additional tutoring for all children in the home and help parents set and reach monthly goals geared toward school success and family bonding.

Students in 5th – 8th grade at Dodson Elementary, Kistler Elementary, and Meyers Junior/Senior High schools participate in the after-school program, while approximately 70 more receive academic help in the home. Volunteer tutors and King's faculty members will guide the students through a "hands-on" project that will include elements of reading, financial literacy, career exploration, math, and technology.

The goal of the project will be for students to develop a product which they will sell at a popular local festival in May.

King's will also host an evening event for the Learning Workers and their families in early April. Called "Dinner with the Pros," it will bring together working people from a variety of career paths to talk about their experiences and opportunities in their field or industry.

This event is designed to help Learning Workers find inspiration for a final presentation each will do on a career that interests them. They will use the D. Leonard Corgan Library for their research. King's staff members also helped to develop an on-campus kick-off workshop for the program held in January.

Learning Works is funded by the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board (WIB). The WIB is the Governor's principal



Pictured, seated, from left, is Summer Krochta, administrative director of Volunteers of America (VOA); Shannon Doyne, project manager for the Learning Works Program, VOA; and Giselle Hage, Learning Works coach, VOA. Shown standing, from left, is Dr. Bill Bolan, director of the Shoal Center for Community Engagement and Learning; Heather Elphick, AmeriCorps VISTA member and volunteer at King's; and Dr. Russell Owens, assistant professor of education and coordinator of the education fast track program.

private-sector policy advisor on building a strong workforce development system aligned with state education policies and economic development goals.

The grant was provided through the Youth Workforce Investment Board for Luzerne/Schuylkill Counties.

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If you would like to include an event in the next issue of Monarch Notes, please send the information by March 26.

Questions? Please contact Assistant Director of Public Relations Joseph Giomboni at ext. 5957.

Alumnus showcases HDR digital photography in Widmann



Robert Broghamer's surrealistic oil-stained glass pieces and digital photography of local landmarks will be on display in an exhibition, titled "Around the Valley in HDR," in the Widmann Gallery from March 5-29.

A resident of Forty Fort, Broghamer is 1969 King's graduate. At King's, his interest in photography as art began when he took a photography course from local artist/photographer Mark Cohen.

After working in stained glass surrealistic pieces, he now works primarily in High Dynamic Range (HDR) digital photography, which allows photographers to combine two or more images of the same scene - taken at different exposure levels - into one finished image.

Many of Broghamer's works have been on display at the annual Wilkes-Barre Fine Arts Fiesta, where his pieces earned first place in crafts and second in photography last year.

Broghamer will discuss his work from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 16, in the Widmann Gallery.

The exhibition is free and open to the College community. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., as arranged. For more information, contact Michelle Leonard, Widmann Gallery Coordinator, at ext. 5328.

Pictured, Red Truck with Weeds, *photograph by Robert Broghamer, King's College Class of 1969.*

Ballet Folklorico showcases traditional Mexican dances

St. Edward's University Ballet Folklorico will bring the sights and sounds of Mexico's traditional folklorico dances and songs to campus for a free performance at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

The performance will include the dances of Tamaulipas Polkas, in which dancers perform in costumes, reflecting the resilient Mexican tradition of the Vaquero - The Cowboy. During dances of Sinaloa, men dance with strong knee-high steps, dipping and breaking to the side, while women emphasize femininity. Additional dances include traditional Concheros, folk melodies of Veracruz, and the slower mariachi tempos of Puebla.

The Ballet Folklorico, a student organization, was established in 2002 at St. Edward's University to preserve and show appreciation for the Mexican culture. The group has toured Mexico for the past three years. St. Edward's University, founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross, is a private, Catholic, liberal arts university located in Austin, Texas.

For information, contact Bro. George Schmitz, Coordinator, McGowan Hispanic Outreach Program Coordinator, at ext. 8021.

Calendar of Events

Daily Mass at the Chapel of Christ the King

Monday-Friday: 12:05 p.m. • Sunday: 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Taize Prayer

Wednesdays: Feb. 29, March 14, 21, 28 • 8:30 p.m.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Tuesday, April 3 • 8:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Fridays: March 16, 23, 30 • 8:30 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

Simple Supper and Prayer

Fridays: March 16, 23, 30 • 5:30 p.m.

Walk of Faith

Thursday, March 22 • 4 p.m.
Departs from Campus Ministry.

Palm Sunday Mass

Sunday, April 1 • 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.



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