



WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter



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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

April was a month filled with impact, growth, and community support. We participated in the Great American Clean Up to help keep our community beautiful, and we were honored to receive the EMPOWER Grant to further our mission. Our Teen Council attended the Annual Regional Keystone Conference, where they gained valuable leadership experience. We were also grateful to welcome volunteer groups through United Way's Spring Into Action and Leadership Berks, whose support made a meaningful difference.

Highlights include:

- Great American Clean Up
- Volunteers through United Way Spring into Action and Leadership Berks
- Teen Council at the Annual Regional Keystone Conference
- Granted \$500,000 from Representative Guzman
- Youth of the Year Candidates BOSCOVs Trip
- Over 40,000 Votes for Target Circle Campaign! Thank You!

Join us for an event next month!

Teen Council at Regionals!



Leaders & Legends SUCCESS!



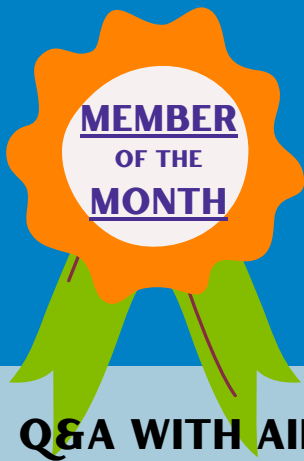
Great American Clean Up!



Weidenhammer Creative Team joining us through United Way of Berks County Spring Into Action



They say April always comes with rainy days, but it's been all sunshine at the club! This month, we celebrated the success of our Leaders & Legends Dinner - where we exceeded our fundraising goal, saw our Club Kids shine, and came together as a community of champions for our youth; we celebrated Olivet's 128th birthday; and we were granted \$500,000 from Representative Guzman to fund violence prevention initiatives. And that's all while restoration is fully underway at PAL and Mulberry! Blessings are popping up everywhere, just like spring flowers. But there's still more sowing and tending to do - because we'll never stop dreaming bigger for our Club Kids. To help us, consider joining us on the golf course on June 30, cheering our members on at end of school year concerts, lending a hand to our summer landscaping efforts, or joining us for RBI or summer camp!
- Rick Perez, CEO



AILEEN PARRA

Center for the Arts Club
Member
Time with Olivet: 2 years

Q&A WITH AILEEN

Q: How do you like to spend a typical day at the Club?

A: I started out at PAL, but now I go to the Center for the Arts. I really like going there because the classes are fun. I like to go to dance class and guitar. I also enjoy free time with my friends and eating snacks!

Q: What is your favorite Olivet Memory?

A: My favorite memory is performing in Leaders & Legends this year and last year. It was really fun!

Q: What is something you learned at the Club?

A: I learned how to make friends, how to be kind, how to play instruments, and dance.

Q: Tell us about your hobbies! Do you get to do any of them at Olivet?

A: I like blowing bubbles and running around. I get to do both at the club, and it's fun.

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: I want to be a teacher when I grow up because my teacher, Miss Freshly, inspires me!

Q: What would you tell another kid who's thinking about becoming a Club member?

A: I would tell them it's really fun here and they should join because you can make friends and learn new things.

"Aileen is very charismatic, bubbly, and always has a smile on her face. She has a warm personality that makes her easy to connect with and fun to be around. She gets along well with her peers, jumps into activities with excitement, and always brings a positive energy to the room. She's also very creative, especially when it comes to art and writing, and she's always eager to try new things and learn. Aileen demonstrates integrity. She is honest, responsible, and tries to do the right thing. She follows directions, treats others with respect, and can be trusted to make good choices. My favorite memory of her is watching her confidence grow through Leaders & Legends. It's been amazing to see how much she's come into her own, especially on stage; she really shines during her performances. Aileen is always smiling and truly feels like a ray of sunshine in the club. Her positivity is contagious and she makes the environment feel warm and happy." - Brianna Williams, CFA Site Director

AILEEN'S FAVORITE THINGS

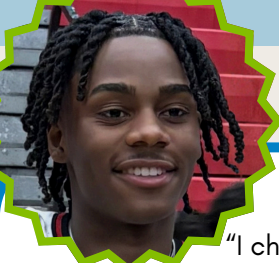
Dessert: Brownies

Game: Poison Dart Frog (HYLA game at Club)

Movie: Inside Out

Musician: Taylor Swift

School Subject: Gym, Art, Music, and STEM



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

MIKAL PORTALATIN

Youth Development Professional, Pendora

"I chose to work at Olivet because I believe I have the ability to make people feel happy and valued. I wanted to be a positive role model and create a space where kids feel safe and supported. To me, Olivets' mission is about 'having fun on purpose'—providing a place where kids can be themselves, have fun without worries, and be surrounded by strong role models. My favorite part of the job is being able to spend time with the kids, making them smile, and bringing positive energy every day. I enjoy creating a fun environment where they can truly enjoy their time here. I also appreciate working with my coworkers—seeing them daily and coming up with new ideas together to improve the kids' experience at Olivet. My proudest accomplishment is the bond I've built with the kids. I didn't expect to make such a strong impact, but knowing I do means a lot to me. One of my goals for the future is to continue my education after high school and eventually become my own boss. I want to build a successful career and possibly start my own business." - Mikal