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LOCAL TEENS FOR LITERACY HEAD TO COLLEGE

OXFORD, Ohio – Students from some inner-city schools have spent the year promoting literacy among peers through Teens for Literacy. They, in turn, have become more comfortable with university surroundings following two recent trips to Miami University.

Forty-five students from Western Hills Design Tech High School and Midway Elementary in Cincinnati and Garfield Junior High in Hamilton recently shadowed undergraduate students for a day at Miami. They were paired with members of Beta Theta Pi fraternity who volunteered to chaperone the students to classes and lunch.

Teens for Literacy is a program that encourages middle- and junior-high school students to improve reading and writing in their schools and which uses the shadowing day to encourage these students to consider going on to college. David McGuire, Miami's associate director of admissions, encouraged students to study hard and learn as much as they can. -

At the end of April the Cincinnati students returned to Miami for a banquet in which they spoke of their literacy projects.

Teens for Literacy is a program designed and directed by Allen Berger, Heckert Professor of Reading and Writing, at Miami.

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Students from Midway Elementary at an end-of-year banquet at Miami University for the yearlong Teens for Literacy program in which they participated. (see backs of photos for ID)

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