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## ACT Goes to the (College) Library

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School of Architecture and Construction Trades at JFK (ACT) Honors English junior and senior students took an instructional field trip to the Cheng Library at William Paterson University (WPU) with their teachers, Ms. Cara Centurione and Ms. Rose Ann Harty. The purpose of the trip was to learn and enhance valuable research strategies and skills.

Inside the computer lab used by WPU’s nursing students, ACT students were able to access resource websites to research various topics, in order to write critically about novels they had read. Sandra Chavez, a senior in English IV Honors, said this about her experience, “We read *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë. This field trip helped me research and learn about other scholars’ take on the characters (in the novel), since I had chosen to write my essay about those characters.”

After students finished their research, they were able to wind down and compare notes in the “Friends Room” of the Cheng Library. As a result of this informative trip, the students received practical experience on how to use a college library to conduct research and find all the necessary information to complete research papers for their classes.

## DBTA Touches Filipino Children with “The Memory Project”

“The Memory Project” is an international program created by the William Paterson University Dodge Arts Integration Grant and Professor Triada Samaras in which children receive photos of other kids in far-flung, often impoverished or embattled places. The children use the photos to create hand-drawn portraits, which are delivered back to their new friends from abroad. The portraits are intended to make the children feel important, valued and those others, far away, though they may be, care about their well-being. Likewise, the artists themselves have the satisfaction of knowing they have directly touched the hearts of children who are suffering tremendous turmoil, poverty and loss.

Recently, students from Ms. Kamaniski’s art classes at Don Bosco Technical Academy (DBTA) took part in support of children in the Philippines. [Click here for a touching video and slideshow](#) of their Memory Project activities.



Eighth grade students at School 9 are becoming analytical readers by conducting “close readings” of a variety of texts in Mrs. Mickey’s English Language Arts class.

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