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Participating in academic outings and extracurricular activities helps build teamwork, communication, relationships, and a sense of belonging. Those students in high-risk situations or are struggling in school will tend to benefit the most from quality expanded learning opportunities in the community. These programs are an essential component in any strategy to improve the life chances and outcomes for youth, particularly disadvantaged youth.

Academic outings and extracurricular activities are core components of DePaul Academy's program model. Student athletes at DePaul Academy have been on some fantastic adventures. From participating in their first official football game of the season, to attending a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the University of Notre Dame's Performing Arts Center, to exploring Potato Creek State Park where they were able to hike, ride road bikes and swim, they are having the kinds of experiences that they will remember for a lifetime.

DePaul Academy staff are also positively impacted when engaging with the students during academic outings and extracurricular activities. History teacher, Ms. Robinson, expressed that for staff, these activities allow them to extend their love and support to the students, not only as chaperones, but as a familiar face in their uncertainty. Staff from all departments showed up to the recent events and showed their support in honor of their ROP pride. She also shared that the events are beneficial because it gives the student athletes a feeling of excellence when they have met a program element goal and are allowed to go offsite dressed in their "Alpha" attire. They get to experience what it feels like to earn something positive after working so hard. The looks on their faces when they completed an endzone catch or when watching Romeo take his last breath were beautiful moments to see.