

# Step Afrika

Step Afrika!, the first professional company dedicated to the tradition of stepping, came to Albright College on September 28 to perform. Founded 25 years ago in 1994, they rank top ten in the country in African American teams. In 2016, Step Afrika! Performed at the White House for the former president Barack Obama and his First Lady for the Black History Month reception.

The group consists of professional college graduates and are an amazing inspiration to students everywhere. They promote stepping as an educational tool for youths, focusing on teamwork, academic achievement and cross-cultural understanding. Each year they perform on a 50-city tour of colleges and theatres as well as perform globally as a cultural ambassador.

It is amazing that after 25 years, this team is still together and teaching others about the history of step and black history.

Throughout their performance, they engaged with the audience, introduced and concluded with step scenes and performed other little skits that told stories.

In the beginning, they educated the audience on the history of step. The dancers came out in formation, stepping and grabbing everyone's attention with their energy and charisma. The audience was captivated.

Step Afrika! weaved storytelling, humor, education and audience participation into their performances, along with teamwork, energy and technique.

On September 27, Albright College Greek Life and the dance teams brought back the 90's and early 2000's with their performances. The groups encouraged excitement and increased energy from the audience with their outstanding dance moves, bringing back beloved childhood memories. Each group brought something new to the stage, showing off their organizations. For the dance teams this was a chance to prove to the audience that they are one the best. It's also a time for them to recruit students. For Greek life it isn't just a competition. It's a night where they can show the unity they have in their sorority or fraternity and why it's good to be involved. It was a close call, but Albright College Dance Team came in first place, Zion Step and Dance team won second place, and SOCCA won third place. Great job to all organizations!

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