

Xion Step and Dance Team is specializes in hip-hop and around Reading as well as

In Xion, they have and where they have their members a step, dance, or both. On Monday days which involves the entire team for conditioning days are to have stamina when performing. Members the team if they choose. It gives the different dance styles that they may

The president of Xion, Mackenzie executive board since her freshman Social Media Chair and worked hard media presence as well as their

pole from there and is now the president of Xion.

Xion is important in the arts because they are unlike any other team on campus. They provide an inclusive dance environment by incorporating different dance styles. Xion uses the arts to unite the Albright community in celebration of dance while also having an important message behind it. Recently, they have collaborated with Maps Glover on his art exhibit here at Albright College and West explains that it was an eye-opening experience to see the two very different forms of art: one in dance and one in painting.

They came together as one to showcase some important issues that surrounds society today. Xion also promotes art by showcasing their talents at all types of events on campus. The arts aren't as widespread or acknowledged in society, so they try to do all types of events, even those where they are the only step team because once people see what they do they can appreciate the art.

Xion believes that their organization is important for students on campus to be involved in because they provide a breath of fresh air on campus as well as an environment to express themselves through the arts. Stepping is a form of dance that had not been represented on campus before Xion introduced it and West feels that it has really made them unique. Xion has also participated in outreach programs such as volunteering at Olivet Boys and Girls Club. There they were able to work with children and teach them some dances and steps.

Xion would like to ask Albright they do and to promote and on campus.

In a few years, West sees Xion and having more opportunities to do have some sponsors.

Xion performed at the African fashion show on November 23 in the at a few basketball games during the

Xion is currently planning includes various teams from different also working on having some on they hope everyone will participate

an Albright College organization that step. They perform and do outreach other colleges.

three dance practices every week learn choreography, whether it be practices they have conditioning exercising. Their primary goals members stay fit and keep good can also make up choreography for team an opportunity to break out into not be used to.

West explained that she's been on year. She was given the position of to build the organization's social reputation. She moved up the totem pole from there and is now the president of Xion.

**Tyra
Akoto:**

**“Being a part
of a step team ties
a lot of us back to our
roots and some of the
first forms of African
dance.”**

College for more support in everything recognize them as an important group

being a premier group on campus more in Reading. Maybe they'll even

American Society (AAS) annual campus center. They also performed season.

their annual spring showcase which colleges and organizations. They are campus events and fundraisers that in!



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