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CAPPA honored its mentors from area colleges April 19 at Cochran Elementary School for their help during the school year tutoring Williamsport kids in the program in academics and performing arts. Front row, from left, are Victoria Cooper, Nichole Wanamaker, Jelena Gilliam, Leann Ochrietor and Heather Gearin; back row, Juanita Parks, Joy Sampson, Ciara Perez, Nate Weaver, Whitnie Lerch and Michael Stinson.

CAPPA honors its 37 college mentors, tutors

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Nonprofit organizations rely on volunteers to carry out their mission. The Community Alliance for Progressive Positive Action, or CAPPA, is one of those organizations, according to Eileen P. Harley, CAPPA board president and academic enrichment coordinator.

CAPPA recognized 37 area college students for their dedication and commitment to its academic enrichment program at its recent Mentor-Tutor Appreciation Day held at J. Henry Cochran Elementary School.

"We are so grateful to this cohort of volunteer college students that give their time and talents guiding, teaching and inspiring CAPPA participants toward academic excellence," Harley said.

"While we all know the many societal problems that negatively influence our children and youth, this collegiate corps of volunteers, have committed themselves to 'be the change we all wish to see in the world,' and CAPPA thanks them for their commitment to the youth of this community."

The academic enrichment program is held on Saturdays and involves students from Lock Haven University, Lycoming College, Mansfield University and Pennsylvania College of Technology. The students volunteer as tutors, mentors and dance coaches for the more than 160 participants in the CAPPA Showcase-Academic Enrichment Program, according to Carolyn E. Perry, CAPPA administrative assistant.

The volunteers provide "a strategic source of