Pine Tree Academy, in partnership with Southern Adventist University's ASSIST & PFE grant programs, has the opportunity to offer unique tuition assistance to our students. Through this service-oriented program, our participating students are paired with elderly adults in our community in a mutually-beneficial way.

Students in the ASSIST or PFE program provide help to senior citizens by performing light housecleaning and/or yard work. They also have fun with their elderly friends through activities such as visiting, reading, and playing games. As the young people build generational bridges, they also benefit from the wisdom and mentorship of the older adults. In the process, their time together helps finance the student's Christian education.

Not only are these students developing skills needed to be successful—commitment, leadership, communication and interpersonal skills, empathy, and collaboration—they are also learning the value of service.

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