



# Connecting Town and Gown through Engagement

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# Background Information

- During the 2013-2014 academic year, NSU students contributed 12,000+ hours of community service.
- Projects ranged from:
  - Environmental Awareness
  - Animal Health and Education
  - Hunger and Homelessness Issue Awareness
  - Much more!
- Student volunteers are comprised of:
  - Clubs and organizations
  - Fraternities and sororities
  - Athletic Teams
  - Independent students looking to volunteer



# What are students interested in?

- Research opportunities that also integrate a meaningful volunteer experience
- Connections with local community constituents
- Opportunities that could lead to future employment





# What does engagement look like currently?

- The Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement strives to offer meaningful volunteer experiences.
- We define meaningful in terms of “are students learning something as a result of this experience?”
- Additionally, by also asking “what are students learning about in the community?”



# How do we meet this goal?

- Days of Service
  - Shark Day of Service (August 30)
  - 9/11 Day of Service (Sept. 13)
  - Gandhi Day of Service (Oct. 11)
  - Make a Difference Day (Oct. 25)
  - National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 17-21)
  - MLK Day of Service (Jan. 19)
  - Cesar Chavez Day of Service (Mar. 28)
  - Earth Day of Service (April 25)



# Who have we partnered with?

- Broward Regional Health Planning Council
- Broward YMCA
- City of Fort Lauderdale
- Feeding South Florida
- South Florida Water Management District
- Many More!



# Ways to Engage/Best Practices

- Day of Service project
- Sharing of upcoming events
- Social Media



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