



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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