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Community Learning Field Placements Overview

Community Learning Field Placements is a component of PLP for year 1. (Community Change Initiative (CCI) is year 2)

- Links formal leadership learning with experience
- **Identify a community issue you are passionate about**
  - Choose a nonprofit or a local school
- Continued service throughout academic year

Goals

1. **Learn in the community** - Learn about issues and meet people in the community
2. **Direct and Partnered Service** - Get to know an organization and leadership overtime
3. **Leadership Development** - Develop as individuals and leaders - build public skills
4. **Inspire your Community Change Initiative** - for second year
Expectations of Students

1. **Personal growth** - Step out of your comfort zone, expand skill set and mindset
2. **Professionalism** - punctuality, excellence and thoroughness at service responsibilities
3. **Clear and open communication** regarding schedule
   a. Schedule meetings with your supervisors to reflect on service
4. **Proactivity** - Take initiative in your role
5. **Accountability**
   a. Log hours monthly
   b. Course reflections
   c. Course points
Identify a community issue you are passionate about.

- Education
- Human Trafficking
- Immigration/Refugee Crisis
- Homelessness
- Hunger Relief
- Racial Justice
- Voting Rights
- Gun Violence
- Income Gap
- Health Disparities
- Domestic Violence
- Poverty
- Drug abuse
- Climate Change
- Sustainability
- Healthcare
- Food insecurity
- etc...
Identifying a site

1. Review Organization Information Document
2. Select Top Choices; list from top choice to least
3. Schedule check-in with George/Linda for questions
Setting up a new site

Qualification for Community Learning Field Placements sites:

- Nonprofit or local school
- Serve for a minimum of 7 months
- At least 40 hours of service work
- Have a supervisor who will discuss your progress and experience quarterly
- Meet a need in the Denver Community
- Must be approved by George in PLP office
  - Submit site proposal.
16 Current Partners Service Sites

Returning Partners
- CAFE 180
- Metro Caring

New Partners
- Arviv Elementary
- Access Gallery + Studio
- The Gathering Place
- Dumb Friends League
- Health One
- Swedish Medical Center
- project c.u.r.e.

DU Collaborations
- Girls Inc.
- Project Helping
- Metro Denver Nature Alliance
Community Learning Field Placements sites can be “messy” at times:

- Expectations and responsibilities may be unclear at times
- Supervisor may not always be present
- Understaffed & overworked partners
- Scheduling issues may arise - communicate!
- Clients may be different than you (culturally, socioeconomically, value systems, etc.)
  - Opportunity to overcome personal fear, biases, and anxiety; increase public skills

**Take initiative** and make the most out of your service.
A year-long commitment

No switching sites once committed

If there are serious issues, come talk to George or your professor.
Questions?

Check out the PLP Website
www.du.edu/leadership

Or

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