Community Learning Field Placements
Welcome Class of 2026
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Overview/Goals

Community Learning Field Placements
• 1st year community service
• Links formal leadership learning w/ experience
• Identify a community issue you are passionate about
  • Nonprofit or a local school

Goals
1. Learning in the Community
   • Learn about community issues and the people working to address them
2. Direct and Partnered Service
   • Get to know the organization and leadership overtime
3. Leadership Development
   • Develop as individuals and leaders --> public skills
4. Inspire your Community Change Initiative (2nd Year)
# 23 Partner Sites

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<td>A Little Help, GoodTurn Cycles, Mi Casa Resource Center, The Dimond Place, Spark the Change Colorado</td>
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Choosing a Site Steps (Start Early!!)

1. Review Organization Sites Documents

2. Select Top 3 Choices

   Deadline: Sunday September 24th, 2022 via Canvas

3. Sign up!

   Spots Limited!

4. Email organization staff contact with questions if interested

   (Optional step, can skip if already signed up to volunteer)

5. Weeks 3 and 4 (Sep 27th – Oct 3rd)
   Drop by George’s office hours to notify of volunteering site!
   10am-4pm; Dimond P185

1st Year Gift!
Setting Up a New Site

Qualifications

- Non-Profit or local School
- Service for minimum of 7 months
- Approximately 40 hours for year
- Supervisor contact for George
- Meet Denver Community need
- Must be approved by George or PLP team
Student Expectations

Personal Growth
- Getting out of your comfort zone

Professionalism
- Work closely in a professional setting with real professionals

Clear and Open Communication
- Inform about breaks, finals week
- Ask if hours can flex due to class/work schedule
- Can’t make your shift, let your supervisor know

Proactivity
- Take initiative

Accountability
- Provide volunteering schedule to George
- Course reflections/points
Things to Consider:

- Community Learning Field Placements sites can be “messy” at times
- Expectations and responsibilities may be unclear at times
- Supervisor may not always be present
- Understaff & overworked partners
- Scheduling issues → COMMUNICATE!
- Clients may be from different backgrounds
- Opportunity to overcome personal fear, biases, and anxiety; include public skills
- TAKE INITIATIVE! Make the most of your service experience
Questions?

Check out the PLP Website: https://academicaffairs.du.edu/leadership

Or

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