



National Volunteer Week April 19-25

Happy National Volunteer Week! Every year we take this time to recognize and thank volunteers who lend their time, talent, and support to causes they care about. We are celebrating members of our Drake community who have shared their stories and inspire others to take action.

Follow us on social media @DrakeService to stay updated and even offer some virtual applause. Learn more about how the nation is celebrating the week [here!](#)

How can you participate? Take the Drake Bucket List Challenge! Cross off activities

<p>Philanthropy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to Drake's Virtual Food Drive. Donate to the College of Pharmacy & Health Science's annual fundraiser for the Food Bank of Iowa. Drop off canned goods and toiletries to a little library or little pantry in your own community. Donate blood. 	<p>Direct Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take a plastic bag and latex gloves with you on a walk and pick up litter. Contact your local long-term care facility to see if you could share your talents virtually. Write letters to the residents at your local nursing home, where no visitors are allowed. Make protective face masks and/or mask enclosures.
<p>Policy and Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact your legislators about bills and policies that will impact people during this disaster, such as unemployment. Attend a virtual city council meeting to learn about important issues in your city. 	<p>Community Organizing and Activism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign a petition, in support of a movement or cause. Check on your neighbors: send them a text or phone call to see if they need anything.

on the bucket list and post about your experience on social media using #DrakeServes and #NVW and be entered into a drawing for a prize!

[Learn More](#)



COVID-19 Volunteer Opportunities

There are still plenty of ways to support your community. Our website has lots of opportunities specifically for your preferred style of volunteering. You can find a full list [here](#):

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact Award Winners

Iowa & Minnesota Campus Compact (IAMNCC) announced the winners of the 2020 Presidents' Engaged Campus Awards. Four Drake programs and people are among the honorees.

Drake is honored to receive recognition with three Presidents' awards and an Emerging Innovation Award. The recognized awardees include the following:

- Student Leadership—[Brittany Freeman](#)**
- Civic Engagement Leadership—[Drake University Political Visitors Team](#):** Rachel Paine Caulfield, Scott Law, Matt Miller, Jarad Bernstein, Dani Peters, and Tony Tyler
- Community Partner—[Gregory & Susie Glazer Burt Boys & Girls Club](#)**
- Emerging Innovation—[Drake's Engaged Citizen Corps \(ECC\)](#)**

Click on the awardee's name to leave them a message of congratulations! You can read the official press release [here](#).



Iowa Election Information

Voting is an important aspect of being an engaged citizen. COVID-19 has changed some dates and processes. The information below is to help students practice their constitutional right:

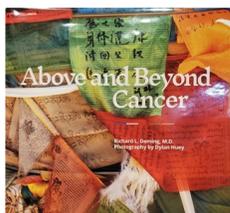
Iowa Students:

The Secretary of State's office will be mailing absentee ballot request forms to all registered voters. Students from Iowa should update their voter registration address as soon as possible [here](#) so that the Iowa Secretary of State's office can mail your form for the June 2 primary election directly to your current residence instead of your campus address.

Out-of-State Students:

Many states have postponed their primaries due to COVID-19, so if you are an out-of-state student who is living back in your home state, you may still have an opportunity to vote. We encourage you to visit the nonpartisan [Vote411 website](#), which details each state's updated election plan, in order to find information that is applicable for your state.

Drake Community Press - New Book



The Drake Community Press and Above + Beyond Cancer are releasing their brand new book! It can be purchased [here](#). This book is about the philosophical journeys of ordinary people—caregivers, patients, survivors and loved ones—whose lives have been touched by cancer. Proceeds go to Above + Beyond Cancer.

A unique small-press publisher since 2014, the Drake Community Press is a two-year curriculum based publishing and community engagement experience that includes students and faculty from several academic disciplines, along with a selected non-profit partner with a story to tell about their mission. Since 2014, the Drake Community Press has raised more than \$70,000 for non-profit organizations.

Drake COVID-19 Survey

Drake students should have received an email last Tuesday from Provost Sue Mattison to participate in a survey about Drake's COVID-19 pandemic response. The purpose of this survey is to help Drake faculty and staff understand how students are keeping up with new information and accessing needed materials for courses, as well as their general well-being. Filling out this survey will also help the University connect students to resources to help them both personally and academically.

The survey takes 10 minutes or less to complete, and students will have the opportunity to be entered in a drawing for one of five \$50 gift cards from the University Bookstore. The survey will be open until April 28. Students, please check your "clutter" mailbox if you did not see the invitation to participate in your inbox.

Stay Connected

We have a lot of fun stuff happening on our social media channels. Learn more about some of our initiatives below:

Quarantips:

Our office has been creating a series of "quarantips" to help us get through these uncertain times. Each week a new member of our team will share a short video on Instagram sharing a tip that anyone can try at home. It is a great way to meet our office staff and find a new project.

ECC Blog Posts:

We will be highlighting the members of our Engaged Citizen Corps on our blog until the end of the year. These students are currently enrolled in the Campus Compact AmeriCorps Program, where they serve weekly service-learning hours with a local non-profit, all the while making connections between their community experiences and academic pursuits. Click [here](#) to read how these amazing students are serving our community and growing both personally and professionally in the process.

Office Updates:

The Office of Community Engaged Learning & Service has moved to telecommuting until further notice. Click [here](#) to find our contact information.

Make sure to follow us on social media, [@drakeservice](#). Click the icons below to be directed to the sites. While you are at it, don't forget to use our office hashtag #DrakeServes!

