



Community Engaged Learning



Welcome!

Welcome, new and returning Drake students, faculty and staff! The Office of Community Engaged Learning (CEL) is here to support you in your endeavours to live out Drake's inspiration statement of transforming lives and strengthening communities. We can help you get connected to local non-profits, provide consultation on developing a meaningful service project, and give you the tools to be a changemaker in the world. **Visit us at the Welcome Week Services & Resources Fair Tuesday, Aug. 27 from 3-5pm in Helmick Commons!** Grab some free swag while it lasts!

Visit www.drake.edu/volunteer to see a list of upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities!

Contact us!



Welcome youth to the new Burt Boys & Girls Club

Join a welcome tunnel and "Clap In" this Friday, Aug. 30 at 2:45pm and 3:45pm to give the new members a Bulldog welcome! Wear a Drake shirt if possible. The Burt Boys and Girls Club is one of only 2 clubs on a private university campus. The organization is currently hiring part-time employees which is a great opportunity for a Drake student. [Read more and apply.](#)



Community Engaged Learning Social & Service Project

Are you interested in engaging with the Drake Neighborhood and Des Moines communities? Stop by a social to meet others who have been or are interested in working with our amazing community and learn about ways to get involved.

When: Thursday, Aug. 29, 4:15-5pm in the Office of Community Engaged Learning, 1213 25th Street.

Following the social, those who can join are invited to volunteer for the **Findley Back to School Night**, 5-7pm at Findley Elementary School. We'll greet the first grade students and their families in their classroom.

Register by Aug. 27

Student Activities Fair

Stop by the Student Activities Fair in Olmsted on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from 3-6pm to learn more about the many student organizations that have service as a focus. Examples include Alpha Phi Omega, Best Buddies, Bigs @ Drake, the Community Action Board, Dance Marathon, Next Course Food Recovery, and Habitat for Humanity.

Civic Action Academy

The Civic Action Academy is a great way to connect with students from around the Midwest who are interested in social change. Mark your calendars to attend Nov. 8-9 in Cedar Falls, IA!

Join the Civic Action Academy Student Planning Committee: Applications due Sept. 13.

Submit a session proposal: Sessions will offer skill-building in civic action including dialogue, advocacy, philanthropy, and non-profit leadership. Sessions should fulfill at least one stage of the Civic Competencies: *awareness* (raising awareness of social inequities), *action* (taking action to be a part of the community), *agency* (using a civic agency to enact social change). Proposals must be submitted by Sept. 20.

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