



Happy November! Read below for information on upcoming and ongoing volunteer opportunities, funding opportunities to support service projects, and more.



## Volunteer Opportunities

**SAB Meals From the Heartland Event**  
Help package meals for people who are hungry locally & globally, and get some free pizza while you're at it! Transportation will be provided to and from Meals From the Heartland. Hang out with other Drake students and help the community!

Sign up for the event on Nov. 16 from 1pm-4pm [here](#).

### Next Course Food Recovery Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are urgently needed to pick up leftover food from the Drake dining halls and deliver to local organizations within a 5-10 minute drive from Drake. This helps keep food out of the landfills and directly into the hands of those who need it most. Several more volunteers are needed for the remainder of the semester - the opportunity is quick and easy! Food recoveries are done on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, sometime between around 2-4pm. It only takes about 30 minutes total. To sign up to volunteer or learn more, please reach out to [nextcoursefm@gmail.com](mailto:nextcoursefm@gmail.com). Grab a friend and try it out!

### Character Counts! Basketball Game

On Dec. 5 from 9am-1pm, Drake is hosting more than 6,000 K-8 students at the Drake women's basketball Character Counts! game. Volunteers are needed for concessions, and you'll even receive a Drake basketball t-shirt and a pizza/soda party!



Contact [Hilary Ortmann](#) to sign up!



### Special Olympics Iowa 2019 State Bowling Tournament

Did you know that, though Bowling does not belong to the Olympic sports, it is one of the most popular sports in Special Olympics? Join in on the fun by volunteering on Nov. 23, where you'll also receive a free t-shirt and lunch.

[Sign up here!](#)

## "Expanding Your Skills Through Serving Your Community"

Join the Office of Community Engaged Learning for an event in association with International Education Week on Friday, Nov. 22 from 12-1pm, to learn about ways to gain job skills through volunteering and service, and tips on how to put that experience on your resume. The event will take place in the Drake International Conference Room. Free pizza provided! RSVPs encouraged - please contact [amanda.martin@drake.edu](mailto:amanda.martin@drake.edu) to sign up or for more information.



## Drake Receives High Awards in 2018 Iowa Voting Challenge!

The day before 2019 local elections, Iowa Campus Compact and Civic Nation announced the winners of the 2018 Iowa Voting Challenge.

**Highest Voter Turnout:** Drake University, 51.8%

**Most-Improved Voter Turnout:** Drake University, up 19.8%

Read the press release from Iowa Campus Compact [here!](#)

## Service-Learning Mini-Grants

Have an idea for a community-engaged learning project done in partnership with a local non-profit? Apply for a mini-grant from the Office of Community Engaged Learning. Mini-grants typically range from \$25-\$200. Need help developing a partnership or project? Reach out to [amanda.martin@drake.edu](mailto:amanda.martin@drake.edu) and [see tips about partnership development](#).

[Apply](#)

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*

- Unknown

