



Welcome Back, Bulldogs!

Welcome to the Fall semester, Bulldogs! The Office of Community Engaged Learning is here to let you know about upcoming opportunities, resources, and events. Of course, volunteering may look a little different this year due to Covid-19, but there are still ways to get involved with the community.

If you're looking to volunteer this year or partner with a non-profit organization, please [watch this 3-minute training video first](#) and read these [safety tips](#).

Whether you are here in Des Moines, or home in another community, we are looking forward to working with you. Visit www.drake.edu/volunteer to see an updated list of volunteer opportunities, including in-person, virtual and remote. Have a great semester!



9/11 Day of Service

September 11th is a National Day of Service and Remembrance. On this day Americans across the country are called to volunteer in their local communities.

Get involved: Voter Pledge Drive, Pathways to Racial Justice and Allyship conversation, Reggie's Sleepout: At Home Edition, Mask-making for Burt Boys and Girls Club, Donate to a Little Free Pantry, and so much more! [Click here to view the schedule of events.](#)

Post about your 9/11 Day of Service activities on social media using #DrakeServes or tagging us at @drakeservice and be entered into a raffle to win a #DrakeServes T-shirt featuring Griff!

Pathways to Racial Justice & Allyship Webinar



There are a variety of pathways to racial justice from participating in demonstrations and protests to writing to your legislators to advocate for change, donating funds and supplies, mentoring youth, and educating yourself. Attend this webinar to learn how you can be a better ally. Sponsored by the Office of Community Engaged Learning, Office of Equity and Inclusion, and Student Life. Registration required.

Join us Friday, September 11th from noon-1pm.

Register

Careers in Social Change Virtual Panel Series

The first in a series, come to the [Corporate Responsibility Panel](#) on Wednesday, September 9, 4-5pm. In this panel series, you'll hear from professionals who use their careers to create social change, and you'll have the opportunity to network. [Register through Handshake.](#)

Panelists:

- Shekinah Young, Program Officer for Community Relations & Principal Foundation
- Alejandro Hernandez, Dean of College of Business & Public Administration (Formerly in charge of Global Corporate Social Responsibility at Wells Fargo)

Pathways Session

Find your pathway to creating social change and community engagement.



Drake University is pleased to be able to offer students the chance to take the Pathways for Civic and Social Change survey. [Take the survey](#) to explore the strategies you are most interested in to create social change. Then [schedule a 1-1 advising meeting](#) with a Community Engagement Peer.

Learn More



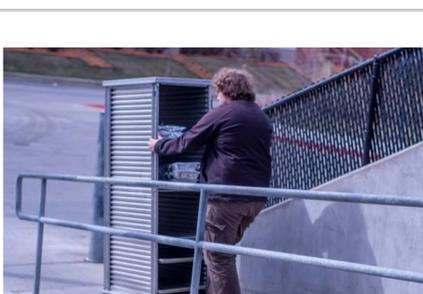
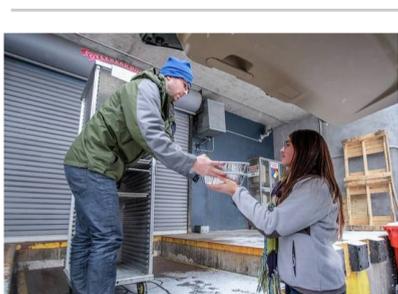
Adopt a Little Free Pantry

Student organizations are invited to "adopt" a Little Free Pantry for a week this Fall. There are two pantries on campus, one by Olmsted and the other by the SPROUT Garden, located at 24th and Forest Ave. Your organization could do this by getting donations from your members, the community, or however else you see fit. These donations are not limited to non-perishable foods, there is a need for diapers, formula, and hygiene products. **Contact Stacia Humphrey at stacia.humphrey@drake.edu to sign up!**

Iowa Campus Voting Summit (Virtual Event)

The Iowa Campus Voting Summit, a nonpartisan student voter engagement summit to help campuses prepare for student voting this Fall and beyond, will be Friday, Sept. 25 from noon-4pm. This event aims to solidify campus efforts to get their faculty, staff, administration, and students out to vote for the 2020 General Election and the future elections.

Free and open to students, faculty, and staff. [Register here!](#)



Next Course Food Recovery

Next Course Food Recovery is collecting donations to create snack backpacks for youth in the community this month. Donate healthy snacks of granola bars, fruit snacks, Snacking cups, trail mix, pretzels, etc. to a donation box in the Community Engaged Learning Office, 1213 25th Street. More donation boxes will be added around campus soon. If you'd like to get your organization involved in donating or assembling the backpacks, **please reach out to hannah.cohen@drake.edu.**

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Upcoming Events

The Office of Community Engaged Learning & Service affirms our commitment to racial justice. The objectives of our office are for students to be able to know themselves, understand the complexities of the world, and take creative action. [This newsletter](#) shares ideas on how individuals can educate themselves on topics of racial justice and take action to create change.

