



DAVIDSON COLLEGE CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Civic Engagement promotes learning through engagement with the community. In partnership with public and nonprofit organizations, the center connects students, faculty and staff with opportunities to build community capacity and impact positive change. Our programs and events range from introductory service experiences to immersive summer internship programs, community-based learning courses and leadership development opportunities. The following are selected program highlights from the center:

Bonner Scholars

The Bonner Scholars Program is a four year scholarship program that supports a strong team of students working to bring about positive community change through service, research and action. Eighty participants in Davidson's program come together for weekly peer meetings and skill development covering topics such as time management, conflict resolution, poverty reduction, and education reform. Since its conception in 1990, the Bonner Program has grown to include 74 colleges and universities from around the country.

Community-based Learning

Community-based learning allows students to connect their academic work with direct experience in the community that meets a community-defined need. An average of 18 community-based learning courses are offered each year providing students the opportunity to learn about social issues while practicing skills such as problem solving, critical thinking and communication.

Educational Partnerships

Focusing on success in K12 education and access to higher education, the center offers immersive summer programs like Education Scholars & Freedom Schools, academic year tutoring opportunities and postgraduate opportunities with the College Advising Corps.

Fellowships & Internships

The center hosts immersive project-based internships and fellowship programs with public and nonprofit organizations in the summer including Nonprofit Leadership Fellows / Cook Family Fellows, Education Scholars and the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools program. Through the internships, community living and a shared curriculum, interns explore complex social issues and connect them to their academic experiences. Interns receive a stipend and housing as part of the program.

Grants & Funding Opportunities

The center provides grants and seed funding to support service and social action throughout the United States and abroad. Examples of funded projects include an internship with an urban garden focused on food justice, medical mission work in the Dominican Republic, and a summer long service experience with an orphanage in Bolivia.

Service Leadership

Organizing around social change provides incredible opportunities to develop leadership skills. The center offers programs throughout the year to support the work of service leaders both on and off campus in partnership with the Civic Engagement Council (CEC). The CEC is an umbrella organization for 30 student-led service organizations supporting direct service, advocacy and community involvement.

Civic Engagement Council Organizations

The Civic Engagement Council (CEC) is a group of student leaders working to inspire and communicate civic engagement efforts through direct service, advocacy and community involvement. The Council acts as an umbrella organization for the following service or social action groups:

Access to Success	Free Clinic at the Ada Jenkins Center
Ada Cooks	Global Brigades
Adopt a Grandparent	Habitat for Humanity
Alternative Breaks	Half the Sky
Amnesty International	Hinds' Feet Farm
Backpack Buddies	International Justice Mission
B.E.S.T.	Let Your Voice Be Heard
Be the Match on Campus	Mooresville High School Tutoring
Buddy System	Operation Smile Train
Building Tomorrow	Quest Scholars
Colleges Against Cancer / Relay for Life	SO College
Community Free Clinic	Timmy Global Health
Davidson Nonprofit Consulting	Women's Health Justice Committee
Davidson Refugee Support	Young Elites
Ending Poverty in Charlotte (EPIC)	Youth Map

Statistics At-a-Glance

- The Center for Civic Engagement works with over 165 public and nonprofit organizations.
- Approximately 90% of Davidson students participate in some type of community work during the academic year.
- An average of 18 courses are offered each year with community-based learning components.
- Over \$46,530 were awarded for student authored projects.
- Provided 52 immersive summer experiences through Center sponsored programs including Education Scholars, Freedom Schools, Nonprofit Leadership / Cook Family Fellows, Bonner Scholars and granting programs.
- For the 8th year in a row, Davidson College was recognized by the Corporation for National and Community Service with the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll distinction.