

Annual Report

2019-2020

Overview

Mission: The Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism (CSLV) prepares students to be engaged, aware, and responsible citizens. The Center connects students to volunteer opportunities and local needs that align with their interests and coursework. Service and reflection allow students to connect with peers, faculty, and the community as active learners.

There were exciting changes this school year.

- The CSLV launched a new user-friendly [Saluki Volunteer Portal](#) where students can find volunteer opportunities and track their involvement.
- The CSLV partnered with the English Department to develop a Communications Internship and launch [a blog](#).

The CSLV continued to host service events, run the Women's Civic Institute, build relationships with nonprofits, and train faculty on the value and best practices of service-learning.

Civic Engagement

The CSLV continued to build relationships between students, faculty, staff, and community members.

- The CSLV hosted six Saluki Service Days with local nonprofits.
- The center hosted six nonprofit professional development trainings for community partners.
- SIU groups and outside organizations hosted 15 events on campus for students to register to vote.
- Community partners tabled at fairs each semester.



Student Volunteerism

The CSLV promotes, facilitates, tracks, and evaluates co-curricular volunteerism. Students volunteer independently, with student organizations, and as part of Saluki Service Days.

This office strives to instill a strong sense of self-efficacy, an appreciation for diversity, and enthusiasm for taking action to uplift their community. Volunteers were surveyed at the end of each semester.

- 96% of respondents said they can make a positive difference in someone's life while 85% feel responsible for helping others.
- 86% of respondents agreed that volunteering is a positive part of their college experience

1,650

students reported

15,604

hours of volunteering at

60+

nonprofits, schools, and other agencies.

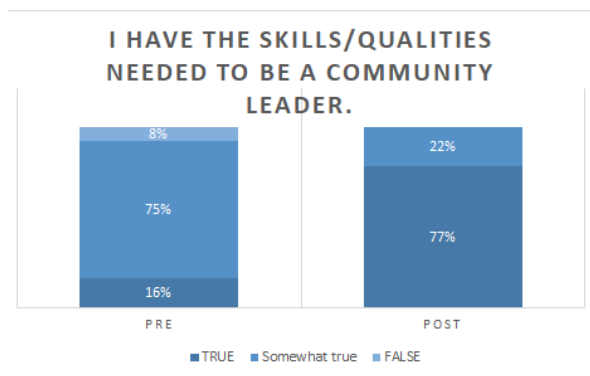
Women's Civic Institute

The Women's Civic Institute (WCI) is a series of trainings, panels, and discussions to help participants develop skills for community leadership. Ten students completed the program.

Students learned about

- leadership
- sustainability
- diversity and privilege
- working in nonprofits
- networking

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, a few sessions and the group service project were cancelled.



Special Recognition

A few SIUC programs did amazing work to support community health during the pandemic.

- Microbiology worked with students and other departments to develop Viral Transport Medium for Illinois. Michelle Garnett, a student who volunteered said "Not only was I able to help my community during such a historical event, I was able to gain lab experience AND an internship to help in my future career in epidemiology." [Learn more.](#)
- Public Health worked with students and other departments to support residents of an apartment building with a COVID-19 outbreak. [Learn more.](#)