

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020-2021



## Overview

**Mission:** The Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism (CSLV) connects students to volunteer opportunities and local needs that align with their interests and coursework, engaging them in meaningful service as active learners.

This year the CSLV focused on providing service opportunities that followed public health guidelines. The office identified meaningful virtual opportunities and worked with community partners to adapt their volunteer programs to virtual formats or socially distant in-person settings.

The CSLV hosted service days, facilitated voter education events, ran the Women's Civic Institute, and continued to build relationships in the community.

# Civic Engagement

The CSLV empowers students to become engaged citizens who understand the interdependent nature of our society.

- The CSLV hosted four Saluki Service Days which helped six community partners.
- The center advised a Voter Engagement Fellow through the Campus Election Engagement Project. Senior Diamoneek Green led voter education and engagement programs for fellow Salukis.
- SIU groups hosted 12 voter registration drives on campus, six drives in the community and four tabling events to teach voters how and where to request and submit ballots.
- The center facilitated four professional development trainings for nonprofit partners.

## Student Volunteerism

The CSLV promotes, facilitates, tracks, and evaluates co-curricular volunteerism. This office strives to instill in students a strong sense of self-efficacy, competence in problem-solving, and appreciation for diversity.

Volunteers were surveyed and

- 96% of respondents said they can make a positive difference in someone's life
- 70% used problem-solving skills while volunteering
- 89% of respondents agreed that volunteering is a positive part of their college experience

**870**

students reported

**9,762**

hours of volunteering at

**60+**

nonprofits, schools, and other agencies

## Women's Civic Institute

The Women's Civic Institute is a series of trainings, panels, and discussions to help participants develop skills for community leadership. Fourteen students completed the program. Students learned about

- leadership and working toward goals
- diversity and privilege
- working in nonprofits and government

