



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM OFFICE

2021- 2022
Annual Report

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MISSION STATEMENT

Eastern Illinois University's Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Office (CEVO) is dedicated to cultivating citizens of character and integrity. We do this by offering EIU students purposeful opportunities and resources to compliment the academic experience.

By participating in these programs and services, students are challenged to explore their leadership potential through student-centered programming, service, and experiential opportunities. Our programs and activities support Eastern's mission of enhancing the learning, educational growth, and development of students.

YEAR IN REVIEW

WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST YEAR:

- Opened the EIU Campus Food Panty on October 1, 2021
- Supported students as they planned and held an in-person Holiday Hustle 5k which raised over \$2,400 for One Stop Community Christmas
- Partnered with over 70 local agency partners
- Hosted over 550 one-time volunteer opportunities
- Worked with over 3,500 EIU Students to impact our community in the past academic year
- Over 50 Service to Go requests filled

NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I look back over the past two semesters there are two things that stand out as major points of pride. The first is the opening of the EIU Campus Food Pantry on October 1, 2021. We know that across the country on all college and university campuses that food insecurity continues to climb. We are so proud to now be able to offer a support and resource to our students who are struggling to put food on their tables while successfully working toward graduation. Interested in the statistics from our first two semesters of operation? See the following page! The other major point of pride was the return of the student led and planned, Holiday Hustle 5k! This has been an EIU tradition for over 10 years, and the new student leaders who were in charge were spectacular! We also hosted over 550 one-time service events, and engaged with over 3,500 of our students to give back and impact our community! As we turn our eyes from one year and start planning for the next one, I am reminded of how lucky we are to be on this campus, to work with these incredible students, and to make a difference together.

Beth Gillespie
Director
CEVO

EIU CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS



OCT. 1, 2021 - MAY 6, 2022

YOU HELPED MAKE THIS HAPPEN

THANK YOU!



8,613 MEALS

PROVIDED TO OUR
CAMPUS COMMUNITY



MORE THAN

**\$20,000
DONATED**



**957 STUDENT
VISITS**
TO THE FOOD PANTRY



540 UNIQUE
STUDENT VISITS



3,895 LBS. OF NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS DONATED



301
VOLUNTEERS



595 HOURS
OF VOLUNTEER
WORK SERVED



QUESTIONS?

GO.EIU.EDU/FOODPANTRY
217-581-3967
VOLUNTEER@EIU.EDU

DONATE TO THE
CAMPUS FOOD PANTRY AT
GO.EIU.EDU/GIVE2FOODPANTRY

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

SUMMER MEALS

In partnership with the local Salvation Army, CEVO coordinates and provides a free lunch every weekday during the summer for local youth. The program served over 1,360 meals during the summer of 2021. CEVO is proud to provide a year-round commitment to address hunger in our community.

HUNGER ACTION MONTH

Every November, EIU students, faculty, and staff work to raise awareness and funds to address food insecurity and hunger in our community, and on our campus. Activities include educational lectures, silent actions, and the ever-popular Coin Wars. Shout out to this year's winner- the staff of Booth Library! All funds raised are donated back to local food pantries!

WOMEN UP CONFERENCE

We offered our first IN PERSON Women Up Conference this year and had over 100 women attend! Our intent has been to bring women together to engage with, learn from, and talk about issues we face as we walk through this world as women. This conference was a free event, and was hosted in partnership with Fraternity and Sorority Life. The schedule included a keynote opening, the choice of 4 breakout sessions, and a closing panel comprised of women leaders from across campus.

ONE STOP COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

This program helps families living in our region of Illinois by providing items such as blankets (made by EIU students), toys, food for a holiday meal, household supplies and more! Annually, this event serves over 1,000 families and 2,500 children. 50% of the families served come directly out of Coles County. Annually our EIU students and staff make over 800 blankets to support One Stop Community Christmas.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

There is a lot happening in our country and across the globe right now. This initiative explores the concept of Social Justice, systematic oppression, and institutional racism among other topics. The goal is to create a safe space for all students to learn, and think deeper or differently about a variety of concepts. Monthly programming includes: EIU Reads, Living Room Conversations, and Faculty Chats.



"We actually bonded with students. I made new friends. I love working with people and today I got to do that."
-STUDENT VOLUNTEER



CORE VALUES

Promoting these values is integral to our success in helping students take advantage of all that Eastern and our broader community has to offer.

A DIVERSE AND JUST SOCIETY

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism embraces diversity in all its forms including the multiple identities of ethnicity, race, gender identity, disability, sexual orientation, age, religion, and socio-economic status as well as every aspect of life that defines our humanity. Our commitments to a diverse and just society involves valuing, respecting and including all people and developing and environment where this is possible.



QUALITY SERVICE AND SUPPORT

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism demonstrates a consistent commitment to quality by exceeding community expectations in our programs, facilities, staff and services. Customer service is the cornerstone of this experience.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism staff is committed to building and creating opportunities for every student to interact with their community according to their interests, activities and curiosities -- be they intellectual, athletic, or just plain fun.

LEARNING AND RESPONSIBILITY

As educators, the Civic Engagement and Volunteerism staff is committed to providing learning opportunities and experiences that encourage student responsibility, accountability, personal growth and development.

"Today was important to me not only because I feel like I was able to help but also because I met a lot of my peers and cool new people."

-STUDENT VOLUNTEER



AWARDS/HONORS

2021-2022 Scholarship Recipients:

Emerging Leader: Connor Mellott

Making A Difference: Nicholas Cheney

Making A Difference: Keagan Fox

Making A Difference: Nio Nystroem

Making A Difference: Nicholas Cheney

Panther of the Year: Anna Sipes

Silent Inspiration: Victoria Tegge

Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Accolades

- Lead Institute for NASPA

- Voter Friendly Campus Designation

- Staff members serve and work on local, regional, and national boards and committees as related to various non-profits and the service sector

