In 1993, the Center for Civic Engagement opened its doors as the Community Service Learning Center. In the past 20 years, 61,564 WSU students were part of creating change in communities, recording 505,095 hours of community service with an economic value of $11 million.

The CCE has collaborated with more than 450 faculty and campus partners, 1,300 community partners, and 1,094 service learning courses.

Recognized regularly on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the CCE has been awarded $950,000 in grants, gifts, and scholarships.

“Together, we have created a culture of civic engagement at WSU.”
—Melanie Brown, CCE Director

Vision
The CCE advances the land-grant mission of the University, fostering meaningful connections and engagement between campus and communities to effect positive change in society.

Mission
The CCE facilitates student and faculty engagement with communities to promote shared knowledge, research, and service to society.

Values
Community—Awareness—Respect—Equity—Sustainability (CARES)
Community Impact

547 active community partners
135 Palouse-based community organizations
75 service learning internships
WSU Pen Friends wrote 3,036 letters to local elementary school students
WSU students engaged with communities in 34 WA counties, 21 states, and 4 countries
5 Alternative Spring Break trips traveled to destinations in Washington, Oregon, Nevada, India, and Guatemala

5,267 active civic engagement opportunities

Student Involvement

8,719 students
76,767 hours of service

2,301 students participated in 638 CCE-led projects
2,267 students in 37 fraternities and sororities completed 34,260 hours of service

40% of WSU Pullman and Global campus students were involved in community service

Student Participation by Affiliation

Conduct Sanctions Global Campus
Athletes Independent Academic Classes
Student Groups Fraternities/Sororities

"Over 90% of our youth sports coaches are WSU students serving as role models for youth." —Community Partner

"This was a great experience. I highly recommend that all students go through a civic engagement experience at least once during their road to their major." —WSU Student

"I was able to see the humanity behind many social problems existing in our society. It was an eye-opening experience that I will never forget." —WSU Student

Academic Engagement

2,693 WSU students in courses
40,438 hours of service learning for courses

81 academic course sections integrated service learning requirements
303 Global Campus students recorded over 6,000 hours of service

"It connected me with peers outside of a classroom setting and made me realize for the first time that my major is the right one for me." —WSU Student

Coug Connect: Campus and Community Involvement Fairs attracted 500 students
Poverty awareness was promoted through 13 activities, engaging over 400 students
The CCE Facebook page reached over 2,000 followers

Campus-Community Forums hosted 49 campus and community partners in fall and 45 in spring
CCE staff reached out to over 12,000 individuals on campus and in the local community
Public Forums engaged over 250 students in eight events