2014–2015

WSU Center for Civic Engagement
Annual Report

Community Impact

772 community partners
5,290 active civic engagement opportunities
77 service learning internships
162 Palouse-based Community Organizations

Through an AmeriCorps VISTA grant, the CCE began the Palouse Fresh Food Project to increase the availability of fresh food for community members who are food insecure.

“This experience pushed me outside my comfort zone and made me look beyond myself.”
– WSU Student

9,725 students recorded
78,000 hours of service in 2014–15

WSU students engaged with communities in
33 WA counties
24 states
6 countries

Types of Engagement

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WSU Pen Friends wrote
2,940 letters to students in 13 elementary school classes.
Student Involvement

64.7% of students who participated in CCE civic engagement activities identified personal development as a reason for their participation.

- 81.8% of students recognize the importance of active citizenship.
- 79.1% of students felt they made a positive difference in the community.
- 3,343 students participated in 679 CCE-led projects.
- 237 projects were developed for student organizations.
- 2,424 students in 39 fraternities and sororities completed 38,969 hours of service.

Outreach

Over 300 guests attended the 2015 Leadership and Engagement Awards of Distinction, and 70 individuals and groups received the annual President’s Award for Leadership.

- Public Square discussions engaged over 180 students at six events.
- CCE staff provided 89 presentations to over 4,000 students sharing information on how students can get involved in their communities.
- For the first time, the WSU Campus Community Forum was held in partnership with University of Idaho, with 70 campus and community partners in attendance.
- 28 student groups and departments held events for Poverty Awareness Week, engaging over 1,300 students.
- To align more fully with the CCE’s value of sustainability, the CCE decreased printed poster production from 3,505 to 607 per year by focusing instead on digital marketing.

Academic Engagement

7 Colleges and Departments were involved in community engaged learning.

- 332 Global Campus students recorded over 5,800 hours of service.
- 2,185 students in 75 academic courses completed 27,772 hours of service learning.

73.5% of students in service learning courses felt their community-based experiences helped them apply academic concepts in real life settings.

Honors


Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification 2008–2025